

## 2 mass shootings in less than 24 hours shock U.S.; 29 killed

By The Associated Press

It took just 30 seconds in Ohio and zero bullets in Texas for officers to stop two mass shooters this weekend, but not before 29 people were killed and about 50 injured in less than 24 hours.

Officers gunned down the Ohio shooter at the doorstep of a bar-turned-hiding place in the middle of Dayton's nightclub district, and arrested the El Paso shooter as hundreds fled a crowded shopping center. Though the two attacks staggered a nation accustomed to gun violence, the bigger shock may have been that the death toll wasn't worse.

In the Texas border city of El Paso, a gunman opened fire Saturday morning in a shopping area packed with thousands of people during the busy back-to-school season.



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Mourners gather at a vigil following a nearby mass shooting, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, in Dayton, Ohio.

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# Blackjewel's coal assets sold at auction; hearing Monday

By JOHN RABY

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) —

Contura Energy has made a successful bid at an auction for the assets of three Blackjewel LLC coal mines, including two of the top producers in the country.

The results are subject to a federal bankruptcy judge's approval Monday in Charleston. The judge ordered the parties to post the outcome by a Sunday morning deadline after he had heard nothing when the auction went into a third day Saturday.

Bristol, Tennessee-based Contura Energy's \$33.75 million bid was an increase from its original offer of \$20.6 million as the stalking horse bidder for the Eagle Butte and Belle Ayr mines in Wyoming and Pax Surface Mine in Scarbro, West Virginia. They've been closed since Blackjewel filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection July 1.

Successful bids totaling \$59.44 million also were made for Milton, West Virginia-based Blackjewel's other eastern U.S. assets. The results did not indicate how many mines would reopen and potentially enable hundreds of idled miners to return to work. Contura Energy did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

In a statement, Blackjewel said it "believes the proposed transactions generate the maximum value



In this March 28, 2017, file photo, a dump truck hauls coal at Contura Energy's Eagle Butte Mine near Gillette, Wyo.

possible for each of Blackjewel's assets, provide a path to reestablishing safe, sustainable operations and, importantly get the majority of our employees back to work."

The auction came after miners who said they hadn't been paid by Blackjewel recently blocked the transport of coal along train tracks near Cumberland, Kentucky. Knoxville-based Kopper Glo Mining LLC was the highest bidder at \$7.55 million for the Black Mountain property where those miners worked along with Blackjewel's Lone Mountain complex along

the Virginia-Kentucky line. Bids also were made for Blackjewel's other Virginia and Kentucky properties. Blackjewel's statement said most of its eastern mines "will be acquired by proven operators with experience in the Appalachian region."

"Blackjewel expects the new owners will provide ad-

ditional information about

their go-forward plans at each property after the sales are complete."

Contura's offer included an \$8.1 million deposit toward the purchase to be applied to cash-strapped Blackjewel's expenses. Contura would acquire the assets without assuming Blackjewel's liens.

Blackjewel's 401(k) employee retirement plan would be terminated under the proposal, allowing workers whose paychecks have bounced to have immediate access to their contributions.

Blackjewel holds the license to mine coal in Wyoming while Contura, a company created out of the 2015 bankruptcy of Alpha Natural Resources, holds the state mine permits. Blackjewel recently missed a \$1 million tax payment owed to Campbell County, Wyoming — one of Blackjewel's largest creditors.

Contura had sold the Wyoming mines to Blackjewel in 2017. They were among the top-producing coal mines in the U.S.

Blackjewel follows other major U.S. coal producers that have filed for bankruptcy protection in recent years, including Englewood, Colorado-based Westmoreland Coal Co. in October and Gillette, Wyoming-based Cloud Peak Energy in May. An auction for Cloud Peak is set for Thursday. The company is selling its assets to cover nearly \$400 million in outstanding debt. □

## Aide: Senator Mitch McConnell trips, breaks shoulder in Kentucky



In this Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., addresses the audience gathered at the Fancy Farm Picnic in Fancy Farm, Ky.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is recovering at home in Kentucky after suffering a shoulder fracture in a fall Sunday, a spokesman said.

McConnell tripped on

his outdoor patio at his Louisville home Sunday morning, and has been treated and released after getting medical attention, said David Popp, a spokesman for the Kentucky Republican. Popp's emailed statement said

the 77-year-old McConnell is working from home in Louisville and "will continue to work from home" for now.

The statement didn't elaborate on where he received help or what treatment he received or the expected time needed for recovery. A McConnell spokesman didn't immediately return a telephone message Sunday evening.

The statement said McConnell has expressed his sympathies to the people of El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, following the recent mass shootings in those communities and that he had been in touch with two Senate colleagues for those states. □

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The attack killed 20 and wounded more than two dozen, many of them critically. Hours later in Dayton, Ohio, a gunman wearing body armor and carrying extra magazines opened fire in a popular nightlife area, killing nine and injuring at least 26 people.

The attacks came less than a week after a 19-year-old gunman killed three people and injured 13 others at the popular Gilroy Garlic Festival in California before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The El Paso shooting was being investigated as a possible hate crime as authorities worked to confirm whether a racist, anti-immigrant screed posted online shortly beforehand was written by the man arrested. The border city is home to 680,000 people, many of them Latino.

El Paso authorities offered few details about the assault, but Police Chief Greg Allen described the scene as "horrific" and said many of the 26 people who were hurt had life-threatening injuries.

In Dayton, the bloodshed was likely limited by the swift police response. Officers patrolling the area took just 30 seconds to stop the shooting, which unfolded around 1 a.m. on the streets of the downtown Oregon District, Mayor Nan Whaley said.

Video released by police shows 24-year-old Connor Betts being shot down by officers, just steps away from entering a bar filled

with hiding patrons. Had police not responded so quickly, "hundreds of people in the Oregon District could be dead today," Whaley said.

Betts' 22-year-old sister, Megan Betts, was among those killed in Dayton.

Authorities identified the El Paso suspect as 21-year-old Patrick Crusius from Allen, a Dallas suburb which is a nearly 10-hour drive from El Paso.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo said he knew the shooter was not from his city.

"It's not what we're about," the mayor said at a news conference with Gov. Greg Abbott and the police chief.

President Donald Trump denounced both shootings, saying "hate has no place in our country." Addressing reporters in Morristown, New Jersey, the president said Sunday that "we're going to take care" of the problem. He said he's been speaking to the attorney general, the FBI director and members of Congress and will make an additional statement Monday.

Trump also pointed to a mental illness problem in the U.S., calling the shooters "really very seriously mentally ill."

Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, who is from El Paso and was at a candidate forum Saturday in Las Vegas, appeared shaken after receiving news of the shooting in his hometown. He said he heard early reports that the shooter might

have had a military-style weapon, saying we need to "keep that (expletive) on the battlefield. Do not bring it into our communities." The shootings were the 21st and 22nd mass killings of 2019 in the U.S., according to the AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database that tracks homicides where four or more people killed — not including the offender.

Including the two latest attacks, 125 people had been killed in the 2019 shootings. □



Police officers walk by shopping carts at the scene of a mass shooting at a shopping complex Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, in El Paso, Texas.

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## 2020 Democrats lay blame on Trump's rhetoric for shootings

By **HUNTER WOODALL** and **HOPE YEN**

**Associated Press**

**MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) —**

Democratic presidential candidates sought to lay blame Sunday on President Donald Trump following a pair of mass shootings in Ohio and Texas, saying his language against minorities promotes racial division and violence.

At public events and on television, several candidates pointed to a need for more gun restrictions, such as universal background checks. But they directed much of their criticism at Trump, seeking to draw a link between the shootings in Dayton and El Paso that have left more than two dozen dead and months of presidential rhetoric against immigrants and people of color.

"There is complicity in the president's hatred that undermines the goodness and the decency of Americans regardless of what party," New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker said. "To say nothing in a time of rising hatred, it's not enough to say that 'I'm not a hate monger myself.' If



**President Donald Trump, with first lady Melania Trump, speaks to the media before boarding Air Force One in Morristown, N.J., Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.**

you are not actively working against hate, calling it out, you are complicit in what is going on."

South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg said confronting white nationalist terrorism would be embarrassing for a president who "helped stoke many of these feelings in this country to be-

gin with." "At best, he's condoning and encouraging white nationalism," Buttigieg said. "We have a president of the United States who has chosen to use his words in a way that have been about selling hate and division among us," she told reporters before attending services at a

black church in Las Vegas. Sen. Bernie Sanders opened a town hall meeting with a moment of silence and by calling for universal background checks for firearms purchases and more restrictions on assault weapons.

"Assault weapons are designed for one reason. They are military weapons. And I don't have to explain that to the people in Las Vegas who experienced the worst gun tragedy in the history of this country," Sanders said. He urged Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to call senators back to Washington, saying the Senate should "have a special session to address gun violence in America and let us finally have the courage to take on the NRA."

He also called out the president.

"I say to President Trump, please stop the racist anti-immigrant rhetoric," he said. "Stop the hatred in this country which is creating the kind of violence that we see."

The call for McConnell to bring senators back to deal with gun violence was echoed by other candidates, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

"We should vote within 48 hours on the two background check bills that

have already passed the House," Warren said. "It's not everything we need to do on gun safety, but we could take important steps, and we could demonstrate to the American people that the gun manufacturers are not the ones who are calling the shots in Washington."

The candidates and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer calling for the Senate to come back may not get their wish. McConnell fell and fractured his shoulder Sunday at home in Kentucky.

On Sunday, Trump tweeted praise of law enforcement and said that "information is rapidly being accumulated in Dayton" and that "much has already be learned in El Paso."

"Hate has no place in our country, and we're going to take care of it," Trump declared before boarding Air Force One for the flight back to Washington from New Jersey, where he spent the weekend. While connecting "hate" and mental illness to the shootings, Trump made no direct mention of gun laws, a factor brought up by Democratic officials and those seeking their party's nomination to challenge Trump's reelection next year.

He tried to assure Americans he was dealing with the problem and defended his administration in light of criticism following the latest in a string of mass shootings. "We have done much more than most administrations," he said, without elaboration. "We have done actually a lot. But perhaps more needs to be done."

In El Paso, authorities were investigating whether the attack was a hate crime after the emergence of a racist, anti-immigrant screed that was posted online shortly beforehand. Detectives sought to determine if it was written by the man who was arrested. The border city has figured prominently in the immigration debate and is home to 680,000 people, most of them Latino. □

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# Man who sent pipe bombs to Clinton, CNN faces sentencing

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Florida man who created a two-week crisis by mailing 16 packages of inoperative pipe bombs packed with fireworks powder and shards of glass to 13 famous Democrats and CNN is scheduled to learn his punishment Monday.

Defense lawyers urge leniency, saying Cesar Sayoc, burdened as a child by severe learning disabilities, was living alone in a cramped van and working as a strip club DJ and a pizza deliveryman in West Palm Beach when he became "increasingly obsessive, paranoid and angry" and believed enemies of President Donald Trump were trying to hurt him and other Trump supporters. Prosecutors say a life sentence is "necessary and appropriate" after Sayoc caused "widespread fear and panic" with his boxes in the days before the 2018 midterm elections. None of the packages exploded.

His targets included Hillary Clinton, former Vice President Joe Biden, several members of Congress, former President Barack Obama and actor Robert De Niro. Devices were also mailed to CNN offices in New York and Atlanta. U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff will order 57-year-old Sayoc to serve at least 10 years in prison, the mandatory minimum required by his plea to 65 charges, including 16 counts each of using a weapon of mass destruction, interstate transportation of an explosive, threatening interstate communications and illegal mailing of explosives. Prosecutors say Sayoc's de-

vices, though not capable of functioning as designed, were still able to explode and were responsible for shutting down parts of several major metropolitan areas, including train stations, schools and postal facilities. They say he has not fully accepted responsibility and that his claims that his packages were a "hoax" are "simply false."

"The defendant appears to regret facing potential punishment, but not what he did and the harm that his attack caused," prosecutors said in court papers. "His large-scale attack triggered massive law enforcement response and crippled parts of several major metropolitan areas. ... The defendant terrorized the public and placed thousands of individuals in harm's way."

In their pre-sentence arguments for leniency, defense lawyers wrote that Sayoc was suffering from "delusional beliefs" fueled by large doses of steroids when he decided "to try to intimidate and scare Trump's perceived enemies."

They urged Rakoff to sentence Sayoc to the mandatory 10 years in prison and one additional month. Sayoc has been housed at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan since he was brought to New York after his Oct. 26 arrest. He had been living in a van plastered with Trump stickers and images of Trump opponents with crosshairs over their faces. "He is sorry for the fear he caused across the country and has drafted personalized letters of apology to each of the victims in this case. He knows what he

did was wrong, and he wishes more than anything he could go back in time and act differently," the lawyers wrote, saying he is still mentally ill and struggling but is redeemable and able to change. They blamed his actions in part on his use of "an extremely large dose of steroids" that he took to bulk up for his new job at the Ultra strip club. They said the steroids left him feeling invincible and made him "pathologically obsessed" with perceived actions by some Democrats.

Sayoc has said repeatedly that his packages would not have exploded and he never intended to injure anyone. An FBI analysis concluded they would not have worked. □



This Aug. 30, 2015, file photo released by the Broward County Sheriff's Office shows Cesar Sayoc in Miami.

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## Cummings urges Trump to 'come to Baltimore'

By LISA MASCARO  
AP Congressional Correspondent

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings took the high road in inviting President Donald Trump and other Americans to visit Baltimore but declining to respond in kind to the barrage of presidential tweets and comments disparaging him and the majority-black city he has long represented.

"We are a great community," Cummings, the chairman of a powerful House committee investigating the administration, said Saturday in his first public remarks about the controversy as he participated in the opening of a small neighborhood park near his home.

Community leaders and residents gathered to cut the ribbon on a pocket of greenery and flowers, built from what had been a vacant lot often used as a dumping ground for trash. "Come to Baltimore. Do not just criticize us, but come to Baltimore and I promise you, you will be welcomed," he said. Cummings said he doesn't have time for those who criticize the city where he grew up but wants to hear from people willing to help



**Congressman Elijah Cummings speaks at the grand opening of the McCullough Street Nature Play Space in West Baltimore on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019.**

Associated Press

make the community better. He noted the outpouring of support he has received, the thousands of emails, and the presence at the event of leaders from the University of Maryland's medical center, foundations and businesses. He wore a hat and polo shirt of Under Armour, the popular apparel maker headquartered in Baltimore.

Asked directly by reporters afterward if there would be a meeting with Trump, the congressman said he'd love to see Trump in the city.

"The president is welcome to our district," he said. In a weeklong series of attacks, Trump called the Baltimore district a "rat and rodent infested mess" and complained about Cummings, whose district includes key parts of the city. The president widened his attack on other cities he

did not name but complained are run by Democrats. His comments were widely seen as a race-centered attack on big cities with minority populations. Cummings' comments Saturday came at another pivotal juncture for the administration, as half of House Democrats now say they favor launching an impeachment inquiry against Trump. It's a threshold that pushes renewed focus on the issue, even though House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has declined to move ahead with proceedings unless there is a greater groundswell, including in public opinion. Cummings, whose Oversight and Reform Committee is one of the six House committees investigating the Trump administration, said Saturday he was not yet ready to support impeachment.

"There may well come a time when impeachment is appropriate," he told reporters. But for now, he said, he agrees with Pelosi's approach and said that his committee would continue its investigations. "I'm trying to be fair to him," he said. "That's why we need to do our research."

Under sunny skies, with a light breeze, the neighborhood situated in a historic part of West Baltimore offered another view of a city that struggled long before Trump's disparaging tweets, a once-gilded American seaport now confronted with other problems. Leaders from the community spoke of the region's historic segregation in housing and how that legacy impacted neighborhoods. Cummings recounted the city's famous residents, including the late Thurgood

Marshall, a justice of the Supreme Court, and Ta-Nehisi Coates, a noted black scholar who testified recently in Congress on reparations for slavery. The congressman also gave a nod to his own family's history, his parents arriving from a Southern state to build a better life for their children, and his ascent from the community to law school and the halls of Congress for two decades.

To residents, especially young people, he said, "Let no one define you." Residents said they were heartened by the attention being paid to Baltimore, and they too urged the White House to consider the way the president's comments may land in a community.

Jackie Cornish, a founder of the Druid Heights community development corporation more than 40 years ago, said she hoped Trump and Cummings could put their collective power together and work for the good of the city. While she feels the president has "disrespected our congressman as well as disrespected our city," she also said: "We still respect our president. As long as he's president, we're trying to lift him up."

Amos Gaskins, who lives across the street from the park and stepped out to greet Cummings, said the congressman has been through a lot and added, "He's doing a great job, a beautiful job."

"We're not what you call a dirty city and a dirty people," Gaskins said. "Donald Trump shouldn't have said that. That's uncalled for." □





## 3 family members killed in California sea cliff collapse

**ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP)** — Three women killed when a Southern California sea cliff collapsed were members of a family gathered on a beach to celebrate one of them having survived breast cancer, authorities and relatives said Saturday. Anne Clave, 35, and her mother, Julie Davis, 65, died at hospitals after tons of sandstone were unleashed Friday at Grandview Beach, the San Diego County Medical Examiner said. A family email obtained Saturday by KNSD-TV identified the third victim as Elizabeth Cox, Clave's aunt.

The victims were part of a family gathering celebrating Cox surviving breast cancer, the email said. Cox died instantly at the scene, the email said. Her age wasn't given. Clave "enriched the lives of all those around her with the joy and fun she brought to all," the email said, and Davis was an "incredible grandmother."

The three women leave behind spouses, children, and many members of their extended families, the news station reported. "The nature of the accident and the loss is incomprehensible to all of us, our children and those around us," the email said. Officials on Saturday reopened much of the popular surf beach that was closed following the tragedy.

Encinitas Lifeguard Capt. Larry Giles said a lifeguard was posted near the collapse zone, which is still marked by yellow caution tape. Someone left a bouquet of flowers on a nearby rock.

A 30-foot-long slab of the cliff plunged onto the sand Friday afternoon north of downtown San Diego.

Geologists were on scene Saturday assessing the area around the collapse zone. Homes on top of the cliff were in no immediate danger, Giles said.

A lifeguard reported feeling and hearing the thud as the dense dirt landed on the beach.

"It just happened to take

place outside his peripheral (vision)," Giles said, noting that the lifeguard had his eyes trained on the water.

Lifeguards and beachgoers scrambled to the towering pile of debris — estimated to weigh tens of thousands of pounds — to help search for victims.

"I saw first responders, and I saw lifeguards frantically digging people out of the debris," Jim Pepperdine, who lives nearby, told the San Diego Union-Tribune. Pepperdine said he saw people trying to resuscitate a woman before her body was covered.

The woman died at the scene, and two more people later died at hospitals. Another person was taken to a hospital, and a person who had minor injuries was treated at the scene, officials said.

Authorities said they were all adults.

Search dogs were brought in to hunt for other possible victims, and a skip loader was used to move the dense, heavy debris. No other victims were found.

Suburbs north of San Diego have long contended with rising water levels in the Pacific Ocean that pressure bluffs along the coast. Some are fortified with concrete walls to prevent multimillion-dollar homes from falling into the sea.

Long stretches of beach in Encinitas are narrow strips of sand between stiff waves and towering rock walls. People lounging on beach chairs or blankets are sometimes surprised as waves roll past them and within a few feet of the walls.

Grandview Beach can be reached by wooden stairs from a parking lot above. It is fairly narrow, with tides high this week. Surfers often lay their boards upright against the bluff.

Cliffside collapses are not unusual as the ocean chews away at the base of the sandstone, authorities said. Some beach areas have been marked with signs warning of slide dangers.

Several people have died



Search and rescue personnel work at the site of a cliff collapse at a popular beach Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, in Encinitas, Calif.

Associated Press

or been injured over the years in bluff collapses.

Bluffs give way four to eight times a year in Southern California, but "nothing of this magnitude," said Brian Ketterer, southern field di-

vision chief of California State Parks.

"This is a naturally eroding coastline," Giles said. "There's really no rhyme or reason, but that's what it does naturally." □

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## Uganda begins largest trial of experimental Ebola vaccine

By **RODNEY MUHUMUZA**

**Associated Press**

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)**

— Researchers in Uganda have launched the largest-ever trial of the experimental Ebola vaccine that is expected to be deployed in neighboring Congo, where a deadly outbreak has killed over 1,800 people.

The trial of the Janssen Pharmaceuticals vaccine involves up to 800 people in the western district of Mbarara and is supported by Doctors without Borders and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Pontiano Kaleebu, a Ugandan researcher who leads the trial, said Friday that he regrets that the Janssen vaccine has not yet been deployed in Congo.

The health minister there who stepped down last



People wash their hands at the Congo side of the Poids Lourds checkpoint at the border between Congo and Rwanda, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019.

lance and bring the detection rate to 80%, he said.

Health experts have watched with dismay as the promise of the Merck vaccine in this outbreak has been largely overshadowed by severe challenges to virus containment efforts including rebel attacks and community resistance in a part of Congo that had never experienced Ebola before.

The Janssen vaccine has already been tested in about 6,000 people, most of them Africans, Kaleebu said. "We are excited about this (trial) ... because this is one of the promising vaccines," he said. "It's one of those vaccines that have shown a lot of promise in animal studies but also in other trials that have been conducted."

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month had argued against its deployment, saying a second vaccine could create confusion on the ground.

Already more than 180,000 people in Congo's year-long outbreak have received an experimental but effective Merck vaccine, but health experts worry about the availability of doses as the virus now spreads in a major city, Goma, along the Rwanda border. The wife and 1-year-old daughter of the man who died this week of Ebola in Goma now have the disease.

Both the wife and child were doing well in treatment, Congo's new Ebola response coordinator, Jean-Jacques Muyembe, told reporters on Friday.

But he warned that about half of the cases in this outbreak are going undetected and at that rate "this epidemic could last two or three years." The current goal is to strengthen surveil-

lance and bring the detection rate to 80%, he said. The new trial is expected to last two years and will test how long any protection from Ebola would last. Juliet Mwanga, a co-investigator on the trial, said there is the need "to study many vaccines" in light of Congo's epidemic.

Uganda has had multiple Ebola outbreaks in the past. While it is currently free of the virus, three people died in June after crossing into the country's Kasese district on an unguarded footpath. Their family members were taken back to Congo for treatment.

The Ebola virus can spread quickly and be fatal in up to 90% of cases. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain and at times internal and external bleeding. The virus is most often spread by close contact with bodily fluids of people exhibiting symptoms and with contaminated objects such as sheets. Health care workers are often at risk. □

## Maldives' ex-vice president who fled to India brought back

**Associated Press**

**MALE, Maldives (AP)** — A former vice president of Maldives who was arrested after fleeing to neighboring India to avoid questioning over the alleged embezzlement of state funds was brought back to Maldives on Sunday night.

India had refused entry to former Vice President Ahmed Adeeb on Thursday and later Maldives police confirmed that they have arrested him and returned him to Maldives.

Late night on Sunday, Adeeb was brought to Male, the capital of Maldives in a navy ship and was taken to the police headquarters. Adeeb had fled Maldives and arrived by boat at southern India's Tuticorin port on Thursday seeking asylum there. But Indian authorities said they did not allow him to enter the country because he did not possess valid documents and he was not entering through a designated entry point.

An international legal team appearing for Adeeb said Friday that he had sought the protection of India and had initiated the process of claiming asylum.

Maldives police previously said that Adeeb was supposed to be questioned last Wednesday over the alleged embezzlement of state funds, but that he did not report and instead fled the country.

Adeeb had his passport confiscated by a court order because of pending court cases, according to police. He had recently been freed from a 33-year jail sentence over corruption and terrorism related to an alleged assassination attempt on former President Yameen Abdul Gayoom. He was arrested and jailed in 2016 after a blast on Yameen's speedboat. Yameen's wife was slightly injured in the blast. FBI officials assisting in the probe said they did not trace any explosives in the boat and Adeeb's jailing was criticized as being politically motivated. After Yameen's defeat in last year's presidential election, Maldivian courts set aside the convictions against Adeeb and ordered a fresh investigation. However, a court imposed a travel ban because the state had appealed Adeeb's release. Once a trusted ally and deputy to Yameen, Adeeb is now a key state witness in the corruption cases. □



## France drafts law to extend IVF to lesbians, single women

By SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Single women and lesbians in France no longer would have to go abroad to get pregnant with a doctor's help under a proposed law that would give them access to medically assisted reproduction at home for the first time.

A bioethics law drafted by French President Emmanuel Macron's government includes language to expand who is eligible for procedures such as artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization, or IVF. French law currently limits assisted reproduction to infertile heterosexual couples only. While the French government says it is responding to changes in society, its bill is sure to generate debate when it comes up next month in parliament. After France in May 2013 made it legal for same-sex couples to marry and adopt children together, hundreds of thousands of protesters marched in Paris.

The draft calls for France's national health care system to cover the cost of four rounds of assisted reproduction per pregnancy for all women up to an age limit yet to be set.

The bill also allows children conceived with donated sperm to find out the donor's identity upon demand when they reach age 18, a change from the strict donor anonymity protections France has now. However, it would not remove France's ban on surrogacy arrangements in which a woman carries and delivers a baby for someone else.

French LGBT rights groups lobbied for the proposed provisions after France legalized same-sex marriage in 2013.

They said allowing lesbians and single women to have IVF and other procedures would keep mothers and their babies from running afoul of the French legal system and give them access to the country's generous health care system.

"This simply is a measure of equality for French female citizens, whatever their sex-



In this Saturday, July 2, 2016 file photo people hug during the annual Gay Pride march in Paris, France.

ual orientation is," the Association of Gay and Lesbian Parents and Future Parents said in a statement.

Twenty conservative groups are already organizing a protest for October to denounce the bill, alleging it will lead to more children raised without fathers. The groups also worry the expanded access to pregnancy procedures would eventually lead to the legalization of surrogate pregnancies.

"Saying that you're creating new rights ... while ignoring the consequences for children on purpose is a revolting and despicable process," said Alberic Dumont, vice president of Demonstration for Everyone, a group that is among the bill's critics.

Lesbian couples, single women or both already have legal access to medically assisted reproduction in 18 of the European Union's 28 countries.

French women who can't get procedures at home and can afford it often go to neighboring Spain or Belgium, where a single round of IVF round costs several thousand euros (dollars).

Virginie, 36, who lives in the southern city of Marseille, married her wife, Cecile, in June. The two women decided not to wait for passage of the government's proposed law to try to become parents, fearing the parliament debate could last months.

Instead, they chose to use donor sperm mailed from Denmark for 1,000 euros

try doesn't work, we are considering using the new French law," she told The Associated Press. Virginie said it's difficult doing something that is illegal and she thinks the proposed law would help many French women. But she also fears it might trigger an anti-gay backlash and encountering medical professionals who balk at serving same-sex couples.

Amandine Zevolino, 35, and her wife, Camille live in Montpellier in southern France and have been married for a year and a half. Zevolino went to Spain to try to get pregnant, but didn't feel comfortable with the anonymity and commercial aspect of using a sperm donor.

She finally decided to perform at-home insemination with the help of a friend who agreed to donate the sperm. "We did a contract, even if we know it doesn't have any legal value," Zevolino said. "If it works, the child will know how he/she came to the world."

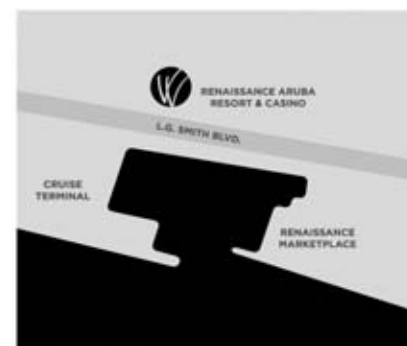
She is still hesitating about telling French medical workers the truth. The situation "forces us to lie," she lamented.

Zevolino thinks the parliament debate will ignite political tensions but she hopes the new law will help French society become more accepting of lesbian and single mothers. "Usually in France on that kind of issue, once the law is passed, it's definitive," she said. □



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## Report: Iran seizes tanker carrying 'smuggled fuel' in Gulf

By **MEHDI FATTAHI** and **AYA BATRAWY**

Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iranian forces seized a ship in the Persian Gulf suspected of carrying smuggled fuel, state media reported Sunday, marking the Revolutionary Guard's third seizure of a vessel in recent weeks and the latest show of strength by the paramilitary force amid a spike in regional tensions.

State TV and the semi-official Fars news agency reported that seven crew members were detained when the ship was seized late Wednesday carrying 700,000 liters (185,000 gallons) of "smuggled fuel" from Iran. The local reports did not provide further details on the vessel or the nationality of the crew.

The news agency reported the ship was seized near Farsi Island, where a Revolutionary Guard naval base is located. The island sits in the Persian Gulf between Saudi Arabia and Iran, north of the Strait of Hormuz.

Guard commander Gen.

Ramazan Zirahi was quoted by Iran's state TV saying the ship was seized in Ira-

local media also ran footage of the ship, but did not show any flag or identifying

confirmed, this is likely to be "another relatively low key interception designed to

from Iranian smugglers to foreign customers.

Also in July, the Guard seized a British-flagged vessel near the Persian Gulf in the Strait of Hormuz, in what some Iranian officials suggested was retaliation for the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker in a British Royal Navy operation off Gibraltar, near Spain.

The U.K. says the Iranian oil tanker was suspected of violating European Union sanctions on oil shipments to Syria. Iran denies the ship was bound for Syria but has not disclosed its destination. Officials in Spain initially said the tanker was seized upon request from the United States.

The current tensions stem from Trump's decision last year to withdraw the U.S. from Iran's 2015 nuclear accord with world powers and impose sweeping sanctions on the country that have crippled its economy. In response, Iran began openly breaching limits set by the nuclear agreement to pressure European signatories to provide economic relief to help offset the sanctions.

Maritime security around the Persian Gulf is of international importance. The Strait of Hormuz sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, a shipping channel for one-fifth of all global crude exports. Petroleum products from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain are exported through the strait to countries around the world. Iran also uses the strait for its exports.

Some 67,533 ships sailed through strait last year, according to data from maritime publication Lloyd's List sourcing research by Russell Group.

Ranjith Raja, a senior analyst at data firm Refinitiv, said this latest seized ship by Iran could be a barge or supply vessel rather than a commercial merchant tanker based on the amount of fuel it was allegedly transporting. Due to the numerous supply vessels operating in the area, it was not possible to pinpoint which ship had been seized, he said. □



In this photo released by the official website of the office of the Iranian Presidency, President Hassan Rouhani speaks in the inauguration ceremony of a power plant in northwestern Iran, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

nian territorial waters and had been transporting diesel fuel. State TV and other

marker for the vessel.

"This foreign vessel had received the fuel from other ships and was transferring it to Persian Gulf Arab states," Zirahi said in comments carried by Fars news agency.

It was not immediately clear why a ship carrying Iranian fuel would transfer its cargo to energy exporting Gulf states, but smuggling has been a source of concern in Iran. Iranian media reported last month that some 8 million liters of government-subsidized Iranian fuel are smuggled daily to other countries where prices are much higher.

The new claims would make this the third vessel seized by the Guard in the past two weeks, and the second accused of smuggling fuel.

The U.S. Fifth Fleet, based in Bahrain, said it did not have information to confirm the reports. Maritime tracking experts also said they did not have any immediate information about the incident or details on the vessel.

Maritime intelligence firm Dryad Global said that, if

signal to the West that Iran maintains the capability and intent to exercise its influence" in the Persian Gulf. Tensions in the Persian Gulf have escalated recently, with the United States boosting its military presence in the region and six oil tankers targeted in the Gulf of Oman in unclaimed acts of sabotage that the U.S. blames on Iran. Iran has denied any involvement in those attacks.

In June, Iran shot down an American surveillance drone in the Strait of Hormuz. President Donald Trump came close to retaliating, but called off an airstrike at the last moment. Washington has since claimed that a U.S. warship downed an Iranian drone in the strait. Iran denies losing any aircraft in the area. Maritime security in the region was further jolted in mid-July, when Iranian Revolutionary Guard naval forces confirmed they'd seized a United Arab Emirates-based oil tanker, the Panamanian-flagged MT Riah, for allegedly smuggling some 1 million liters (264,000 gallons) of fuel

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## Protesters, police play cat-and-mouse game across Hong Kong

By YANAN WANG  
Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — The distinctive clang of metal hitting pavement echoed across Hong Kong.

Over several hours, in successive waves on Sunday, different districts filled with the sound of protesters erecting and just as hastily taking down their improvised barricades.

While past nights of protest have ended in protracted standoffs between demonstrators and riot police, rally participants this time took a different tack. Since their pro-democracy movement began two months earlier, they have repeated to one another: "Be Water" — an attitude of adaptability that was on full display as they occupied and vacated with equal swiftness five different neighborhoods.

"We can't defend it!" was the cry that signaled to protesters it was time to move out. It meant that police had appeared and were firing tear gas. A person holding a large purple banner that said "Move Back Slowly" led demonstrators to the nearest public transit and toward another target. Hong Kong's summer of protest began as a call to withdraw an extradition bill that would have allowed residents in the city to be sent to mainland China to stand trial. Many feared the legislation would destroy the judicial independence essential to the "one country, two systems" frame-



People gather at a playground of Belcher Bay Park as they take part in an anti-extradition bill protest in Hong Kong, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.

work, which promised Hong Kong certain freedoms not afforded to the mainland when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997.

The agreement was made for 50 years, but some Hong Kong residents feel that the Communist Party-ruled central government in Beijing has already started chipping away at their democratic rights. While the city government has suspended the extradition bill, mass demonstrations have continued with broader calls for direct elections and greater government accountability.

"We are not just another Chinese city, and this is not yet 2047," said rally par-

ticipant Cara Lee. "I feel ashamed because for a long time we didn't do anything. But now we are awake. I have to speak for the next generation."

Protesters' five major demands include the release of arrested demonstrators, an independent investigation into alleged police abuse and the dissolution of the current legislature, which is only partially composed of lawmakers who were directly elected. Sunday's rallies kicked off at public parks in different parts of the city. One quickly devolved after protesters used what appeared to be a long, homemade sling-shot to hurl rocks and bricks at a police station.

After police began to clear the area, protesters converged on the other rally on Hong Kong Island, where demonstrators were already putting on gas masks and handing out Pocari Sweat, a Japanese sports drink favored by the movement.

Even when tear gas is not employed, many protesters wear masks and balaclavas to conceal their identities. Last week, police charged 44 demonstrators with rioting, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail. During clashes Saturday, at least an additional 20 were arrested.

The potential repercussions have compelled protest-

ers to maintain anonymity whenever possible. Umbrellas serve not only as tear gas shields, but also as cloaks. A shout of "It's raining!" will prompt protesters to form a canopy of umbrellas to conceal what's going on underneath them — the building of barricades using metal road barriers, construction fences and other public materials tied together with string.

They also make efforts to resist surveillance. Security cameras are spray-painted black, obscured by umbrellas or covered with tape. As for cameras out of reach, protesters point bright lasers at them to distort their footage.

"I really am scared of possibly being punished," said Mary Leung, a 21-year-old who wore a mask. "The police are unpredictable. But I'm so moved by how everyone is supporting each other."

Leung said she had not expected so many different groups of people, especially older residents, to support the movement.

The rallies, which generally begin in the afternoon and stretch past midnight, entangle the communities that host them. While some restaurants and shops close early, others offer free water and shelter. On Sunday evening, hundreds of cars and buses were temporarily at a standstill when protesters blocked roads leading to a major cross-harbor tunnel. □





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## Trial for priests accused of abusing deaf Argentine students

By **ALMUDENA CALATRAVA**  
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Associated Press

**MENDOZA, Argentina (AP)**

— Ezequiel Villalonga signs frantically with his hands to express the power he feels after years of suffering now that the priests whom he and other former students at an Argentine institute for the deaf accuse of abuse are finally going to trial.

Villalonga, 18, is one of about 20 ex-students of the Antonio Próvolo Institute for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Children in Mendoza province who say they were sexually abused, including cases of rape, between 2004 and 2016. Their alleged abusers go on trial starting Monday in a case that Pope Francis, an Argentine, has not commented on publicly despite its closeness to his papacy. The complaints at the institute came to light at the end of 2016 and created a scandal that deepened when it emerged that one of the accused, the Rev. Nicola Corradi, had been reported for similar allegations at the Antonio Próvolo institute in Verona, Italy, and that the pope had been notified that Corradi was running a similar center in Argentina.

"Those of us from the Próvolo in Mendoza said: 'no more fear. We have the power,'" Villalonga told The Associated Press with the help of an interpreter, explaining how others decided to come forward after an initial "brave" person did so.

The AP doesn't name alleged sexual assault vic-



In this Dec. 22, 2016 file photo, Rev. Horacio Corbacho, far left walking, and Rev. Nicola Corradi, handcuffed to the wheelchair, are escorted to a courtroom in Mendoza, Argentina.

tims unless they make their identities public, which Villalonga did in an interview in the headquarters of the human rights group Xumek, which is the plaintiff in the trial. Alejandro Gullé, chief prosecutor in Mendoza, called the trial "unprecedented, one of the most important in this province, one whose importance will transcend this country."

On trial for aggravated sexual abuse of minors, sexual touching and corrupting minors will be: Corradi, an Italian who is 83 and under house arrest; the Rev. Horacio Corbacho, a 59-year-old priest; and Armando Gómez, 63. The latter two are Argentines and in prison in Mendoza. Corbacho has pleaded not guilty and the other two defendants have not entered pleas.

They are charged with 28 alleged crimes against 10 deaf minors and face prison sentences of up to 20 years. It is the first in a series of trials in which other former members of the now-closed school will be judged. Others implicated include two nuns who allegedly participated or knew about the abuses, as well as former directors and employees who are accused of knowing about the abuse but taking no action.

Prosecutors say that not only were children sexually touched and abused, but were sometimes forced to watch pornography or perform sex acts among themselves.

Jorge Bordón, an institute employee, was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2018

in the case for rape, sexual touching and corrupting minors by forcing children to perform sex acts on each other. But the former students at the Mendoza school believe they can achieve the first prison sentences for priests and clergy at the Roman Catholic institute, which has other branches. They are also demanding Francis strip the alleged abusers of their status as priests in the canonical process.

"Francis was very quiet about the abusive priests, but now the sentence is coming," said Villalonga. "I know that the pope is afraid because the deaf have been brave."

The Vatican has not commented publicly on the trial. The Holy See would be loath to be seen as in-

terfering in a criminal trial, and typically defers all comment, as well as the outcome of its own investigations, until after all investigations by civil law enforcement are completed. In 2017, it sent two Argentine priests to investigate what happened in Mendoza. Dante Simon, a judicial vicar, told the AP that the acts denounced are "horrible" and "more than plausible." He said the pontiff expressed his sadness and told him that "he was very worried about this situation and it would be a labor."

In a report submitted to the Vatican in June of that year, Simon requested the application of the maximum penalty to Corradi and Corbacho, that they be made to "resign directly by the Holy Father." The report must be reviewed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The case hits close to home for the Vatican, which is accused of having disregarded the warnings of the alleged Italian victims of Corradi, when just months earlier the pope had promulgated new rules to combat abuse in the church.

Corradi was singled out for similar abuses committed since the 1950s at the Próvolo institute in Verona, Italy. His name appeared in a letter addressed to the pope in 2014 in which the Italian accusers mentioned several allegedly abusive priests who continued to exercise the ministry and said that Corradi and three other priests were in Argentina. □



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## Aruba to Me

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## Sea turtle conservation by Turtugaruba Foundation



ORANJESTAD — Turtugaruba was founded on September 3rd, 2003 by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. Ten years earlier, in 1993, a Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) was introduced in Aruba and the rest of the Caribbean as an initiative of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Tom Barmes, who was working at DLVV (Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery) was one of the writers of the STRAP for Aruba, together with Karen Eckert, director of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network). This is how sea turtle conservation started on the island following a plan that is still complied with today.

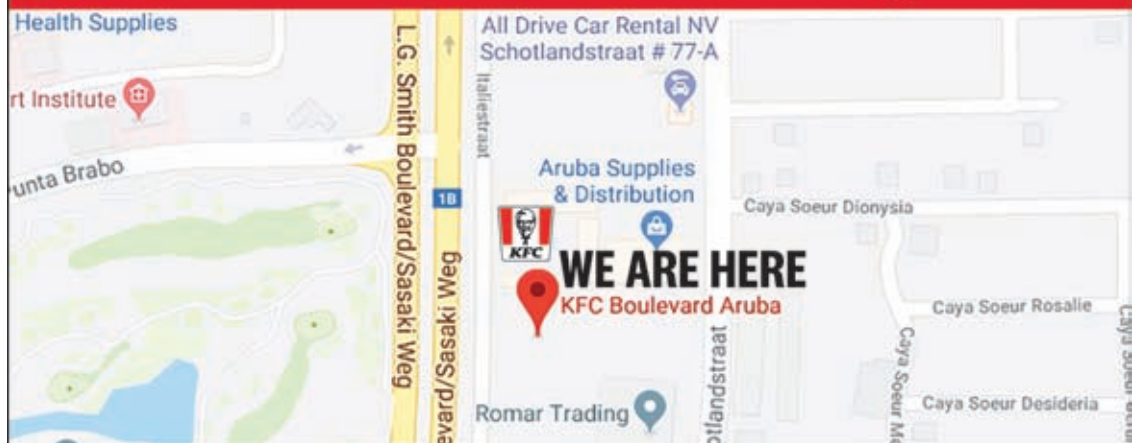
Tom formed a group of volunteers around him, because nature does not know office hours, like an organization such as DLVV. This group of volunteers used the name Widecast Aruba and today there are still a few of them active. They first started protecting the Leatherback Sea Turtle nests on Palm Beach and Eagle Beach. This group also investigated which other species of sea turtles use Aruba as their nesting habitat and which beaches are used by them. For a period of 25 years a study has been conducted in which every early morning the beach was being monitored in which now there is a good overview of sea turtle nesting activities.

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There are 4 different sea turtle species that visit Aruba to lay their eggs, each with their own specific season:

- Leatherback Sea Turtle - Lederschildpad - Driekiel (March – September)
- Loggerhead Sea Turtle - Dikkopschildpad - Cawama (May – September)
- Hawksbill Sea Turtle - Karetschildpad - Caret (June – December)
- Green Turtle - Soepschildpad - Turtuga Blanco (July-November)

There also came a better understanding and overview of the biggest threats to the sea turtles existence in Aruba and how these problems should be tack-



led. Despite hard work, all those years, most problems have not really gone away, but luckily and thanks to the enormous efforts from the volunteers, the sea turtles are still here. On Aruba the sea turtles are threatened with extinction by pollution, driving on dunes and beaches with quads and

4x4's and the loss of nesting beaches due to coastal development on behalf of tourism. Because coastal development comes with artificial light and artificial light is a mayor issue for sea turtles, mother turtle usually comes on shore at night looking for a dark beach to make her nest. However...



a dark beach is hard to find here nowadays. Light causes stress and can result in her returning to the sea without laying her eggs. Artificial light causes disorientation for the baby sea turtles (hatchlings).

They crawl towards artificial light sources (like streetlights, hotel lights, etc.) and then they don't find the sea. In the 90's it was still a common occurrence to find a complete nest of about 70 hatchlings on the streets, dead, as cars drove over them. Thanks to their protection methods and a lot of time and effort, the volunteers of Turtugaruba have managed to get this under control. But for a sustainable solution there must be less light visible on the beaches and a strict regulation of it. Sea turtles simply need dark nesting beaches for their survival. It is clear that even more coastal development would not make the situation better for the sea turtles. Again, more hotel rooms? And even busier beaches? These are choices Aruba has to make. Do we want to leave a place for the sea turtles? Not only Aruba, but the entire world needs sea turtles! Sea turtles play a vital role in keeping our oceans healthy.

a healthy place for many fish to deposit their eggs. The Leatherback, the largest turtle of the world, eats mainly jellyfish and helps maintain the balance between jellyfish and plankton. Despite the threats that exist on Aruba, the turtles still keep coming. That's why today Turtugaruba is especially proud of the volunteers and the many people and organizations of our community that carry a warm place in their hearts for the sea turtles. All four species are active now, which means all hands on deck in the field for us, the volunteers. We strive to keep the sea turtles, our oldest 'repeat guests', always coming back to Aruba and get the chance to reproduce here. What you can do to protect the sea turtles

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# Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

## STANDARDS

**ORANJESTAD — Standards or standard operating procedures are probably the most common words in hospitality speech. We are nothing if not standardized. Recently there's been a lot of conversations in and around appearance standards and if they are outdated and potentially racist, sexist or ageist.**

The hospitality business especially on the front of house side is very aesthetically focused. The appearance standards for anyone working the front of the house or who has direct contact with guest can be a mile long and very exclusionary. Personally I've always felt that a lot of our standards especially the ones on tattoos to be very outdated. Someone showing up to a job interview with visible tattoos shouldn't mean an automatic rejection, because the company may miss out on the best candidate.



The same can be said about hair standards and that's where the racism can come in a bit. A lot of black women are now moving back towards their natural hair stylings. There's such a gamut of ways that natural hair can be presented from afros, cornrows to even well kept dreadlocks that it can be daunting to rewrite the hair standards rules, especially for restaurants. I'm still a very strong proponent of keep it clean and up and out of your face or tied up and back if working with food, but I realize hair is one way people use to express their individuality and shouldn't be used as a strike against them. The same goes for men with longer hair or those who keep a beard for religious or even medical purposes.



The key to standards and making exceptions or adjusting to the way the world is moving forward should be through understanding. Timeshares want to give off the family vibe and everyone has

a family member with a tattoo, whether they hide it or not. Working in the Caribbean long sleeve shirts, long pants and buttoning to the neck are both impractical and uncomfortable.

On the other hand employees should also be more aware of the company and environment they work in. Just because your boss is okay with the tattoos or piercings you already have, doesn't mean you shouldn't be considerate of future placement or ability to cover up with makeup. Same goes for hairstyles they should still fit the cleanliness and grooming standard as should beards, just because you have one doesn't mean you need to look like Santa. Standards will always be there, but every now and then they need to

be taken off the shelf, dusted off and reviewed. Even if your current set are open to interpretation there should always be room for expansion and some specificity when needed. The goal should be to adapt, but not lose the company identity along the way or missing out on the opportunity of talented employees, because they don't meet the strict aesthetic guidelines set forth.

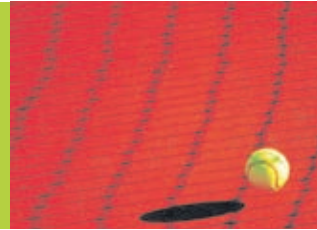
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Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.



# SPORTS



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady steps on the field at the start of an NFL football training camp practice, Thursday, July 25, 2019, in Foxborough, Mass.  
Associated Press

## AP source: Brady signs 2-year, \$70M extension with Patriots

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer

Tom Brady has never known what it's like to play out the final season of a contract in his 20-year NFL career, and the New England Patriots superstar quarterback isn't about to find out.

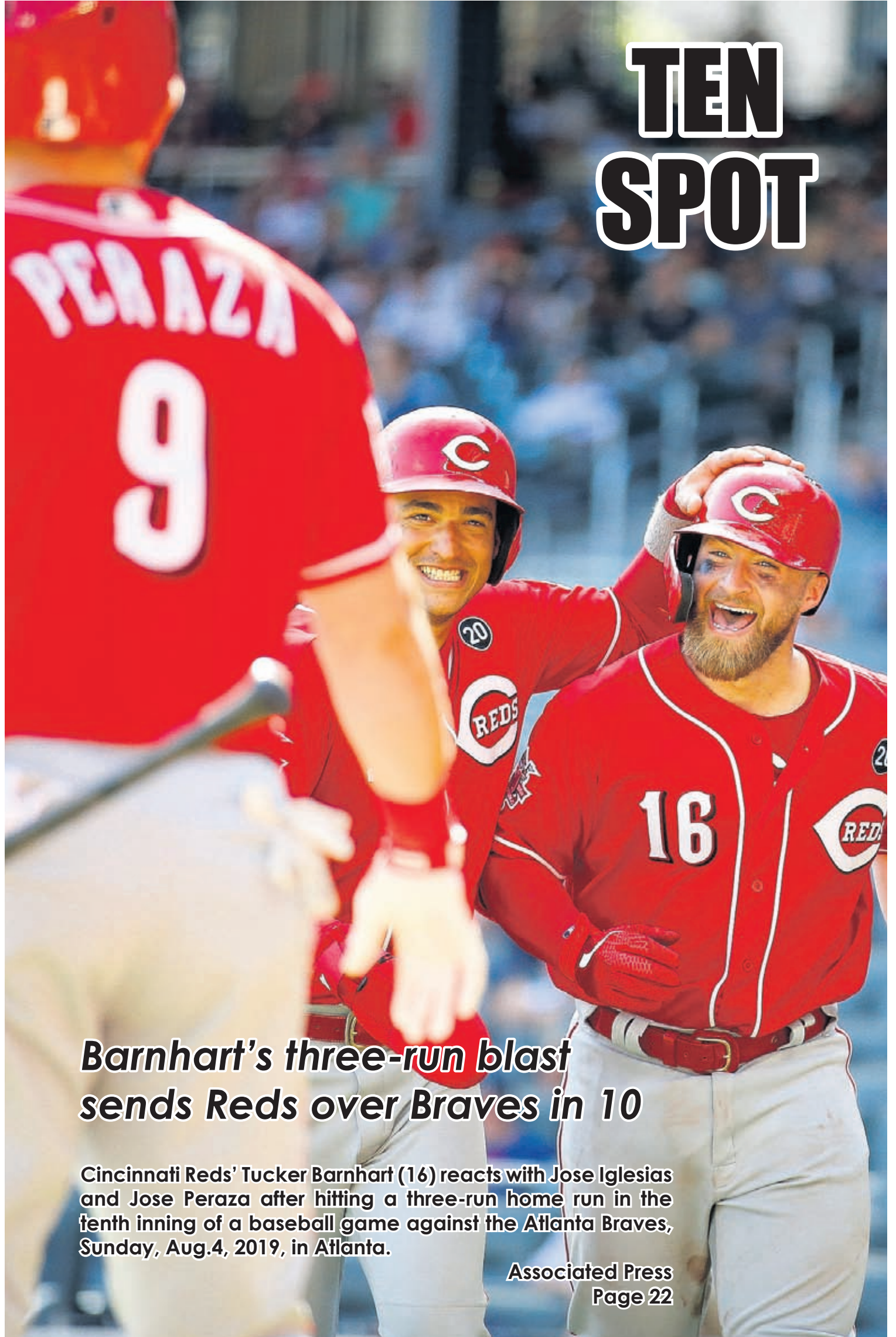
Brady, who turned 42 on Saturday, is signing a two-year, \$70 million extension that runs through 2021 and includes a hefty raise this season, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity Sunday because the Patriots hadn't announced the extension, confirmed the NFL Network's report on Brady's contract.

Brady will get an \$8 million raise in 2019, when he'll make \$23 million.

The extension also calls for him to make \$30 million in 2020 and \$32 million in 2021, when he would be 44. □

## TEN SPOT



## Barnhart's three-run blast sends Reds over Braves in 10

Cincinnati Reds' Tucker Barnhart (16) reacts with Jose Iglesias and Jose Peraza after hitting a three-run home run in the tenth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, in Atlanta.

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## Shibuno holds off Salas to win Women's British Open on debut

MILTON KEYNES, England (AP) — Hinako Shibuno of Japan finished with a birdie to win the Women's British Open by one shot over Lizette Salas on Sunday as she wrapped up a stunning major championship debut.

The 20-year-old Shibuno, a rookie on the Japan LPGA Tour who was playing for the first time outside of her country, birdied five of the final nine holes in a 4-under 68 and 18-under 270 overall.

"I was also thinking about if I were to make this putt, how I was going to celebrate," Shibuno said of approaching the 18th.

"Eat a lot of sweets."

Largely unknown before the championship, Shibuno — nicknamed "Smiling Cinderella" — started Sunday with a two-stroke lead but lost it with a double bogey on the par-4 3rd.

She bounced back with birdies on Nos. 5 and 7 before a bogey on the 8th at Woburn Golf Club.

But in three of four rounds, Shibuno has shone on the back nine.

She did it in 31 on Sunday — and just 30 on Thursday and Saturday.

"Now that I've won, I think a lot of the Japanese people will know me, but in actuality, I just wanted to live a quiet life," Shibuno said.

"I was looking online and I did see that it's been 42 years since a Japanese player has last won.

I do feel that I have accomplished something great, but I really don't know the reason why I was able to accomplish it."

Salas, who started the final round tied for fourth, quickly played herself into contention with three birdies in the first four holes, and she added five more in a 7-under 65.

But the American will regret not taking another birdie chance on the 18th when she shared the lead with Shibuno.

"I told myself, 'You got this. You're made for this.' I put a good stroke on it.

I'm not going to lie, I was

nervous," Salas said after her best finish at a major.

"You know, I haven't been in that position in a long time.

Gave it a good stroke. I controlled all my thoughts. It just didn't drop."

Jin Young Ko, who was seeking her third major title of the year after winning the Evian Championship last week, was two shots back in third after a bogey-free 66.

"I had a little pressure, but I like that pressure," Ko said.

Morgan Pressel (67) finished fourth at 15 under, just ahead of former leader Ashleigh Buhai (70), whose hopes were dented Saturday when she let a five-shot lead slip.

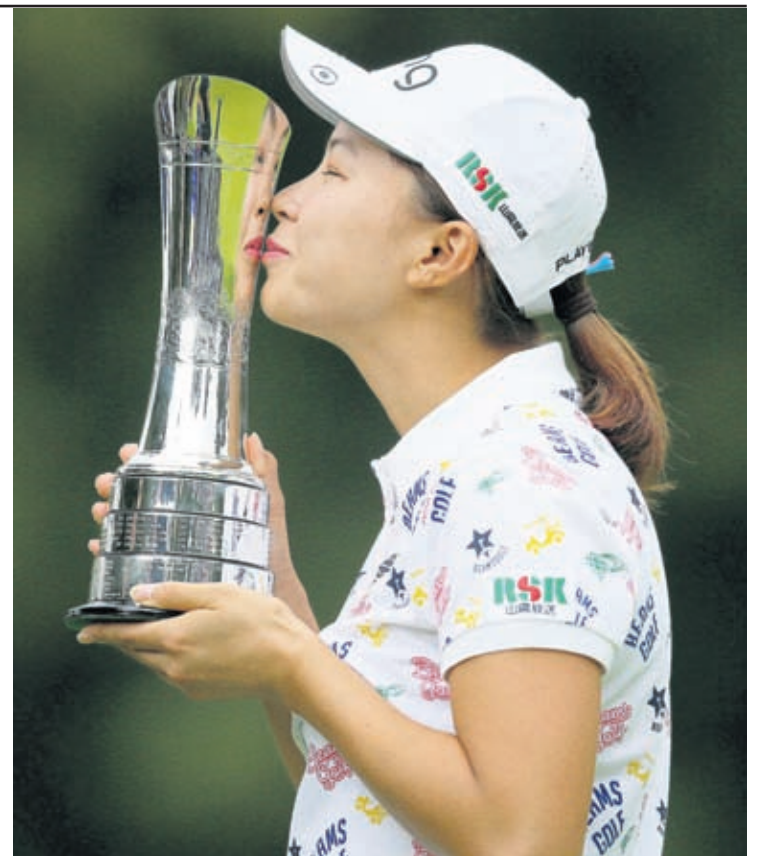
The 30-year-old South African finished fifth at 14 under.

"If you had given me a top five at the beginning of the week, I most certainly would have taken it," Buhai said.

Also, Celine Boutier shot a 66 to finish the tournament at 12 under, followed by Carlota Ciganda (70) at 11 under and second-ranked Sung Hyun Park (73) at 10 under.

American Nelly Korda (68) tied for ninth with Jeongeun Lee6 (71) at 9 under, two shots ahead of Lexi Thompson (67).

Defending champion Georgia Hall (73) tied for 35th. □



Japan's Hinako Shibuno kisses the trophy as she celebrates after winning the Women's British Open golf championship at Woburn Gold Club near Milton Keynes, England, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.

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# Poston claims 1st PGA Tour victory at Wyndham Championship

By JOEDY McCREARY

AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) —

J.T. Poston kept racking up birdies and pars — but no bogeys — at the Wyndham Championship. They added up to his first PGA Tour victory — and a first-time-in-decades achievement. Poston shot an 8-under 62 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory at the tour's regular-season finale. He tied Henrik Stenson's 2-year-old tournament record at 22-under 258, and became the first player since Lee Trevino in 1974 to win a 72-hole stroke-play event on tour without any bogeys or worse. "I probably haven't had that many bogey-free rounds this year," Poston said. "To be able to do four in a row is pretty special,



J. T. Poston holds the trophy after he won the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.

An with three birdies and an eagle on the front nine. Then came the key hole: No. 15. Poston took sole possession of the lead with a birdie on that hole after placing a bunker chip 6 feet from the flagstick.

An, playing two groups behind Poston, sent his tee shot on that hole into the weeds. He took a penalty stroke, then landed his third shot left of the green, left his chip 35 feet short and dropped to 20 under after two-putting for his first bogey of the tournament.

"The bogey was definitely the killer, I think, because I knew I needed to make a birdie there," An said.

After a birdie on the next hole and a par on 17, An needed to finish with a birdie to force a playoff. He sent his tee shot into the trees and recovered by landing his second shot 60 feet from the pin.

Simpson — who finished second for the second straight week — earned his seventh top-10 finish at this tournament since 2010 and climbed to No. 9 on the playoff points list, earning \$550,000 in bonus money as part of the inaugural Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program. "Honestly, it wasn't even on the radar going into Memphis (last week)," Simpson said. "I was too far back, I thought, unless I did something crazy. So yeah, it was on my mind this week."

Nine players started this tournament with a shot at some of that cash, but only Simpson and Paul Casey came away with some. Casey finished eighth on the points list and earned \$600,000. The other annual subplot at Sedgefield focused on the players on the playoff bubble. Two players who began the tournament outside the top 125 — No. 129 Patton Kizzire and No. 134 Andrew Landry — played their way into the field for The Northern Trust next week in New Jersey. An average of 2.7 players played their way into the top 125 in this tournament's previous dozen years as the tour's final pre-playoff event. □

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and finish it off with a 62 on Sunday is pretty awesome." The native North Carolinian began his round three strokes back, took the lead for good with — what else? — a birdie on the par-5 15th hole, then finished with three straight pars to earn \$1,116,000 and 500 FedEx Cup points.

Webb Simpson was at 21 under after a 65. Byeong Hun An, who held or shared the lead after each of the first three rounds, three-putted the 18th for a bogey and a 67 to finish two shots back. Trying to force a playoff with a birdie, he nearly holed a 60-footer but had it run well past.

"Nothing was really working at the end," An said. "I just ran out of juice."

Poston, a former Western Carolina golfer playing a 100-mile drive from his hometown of Hickory, became the third player in 11 years with strong local ties to win at Sedgefield Country Club. He joined 2008 winner Carl Pettersson — a Swede who grew up in Greensboro — and Simpson, the 2011 champion who's from Raleigh and played college golf at Wake Forest.

"To be able to do it here in North Carolina, with a lot of friends and family, I don't think I could have drawn it up any better," Poston said. Poston closed the gap with

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## Chase Elliott wins NASCAR Cup race at Watkins Glen again

By JOHN KEKIS  
AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP)

— Chase Elliott put an emphatic end to his summer-long struggle, making a statement with a dominating win on the road course at Watkins Glen International.

A year after racing to his first career NASCAR Cup victory at The Glen, Elliott won a second time in the No. 9 for Hendrick Motorsports on Sunday, besting Martin Truex Jr. just as he did a year ago. Elliott, who started from the pole, led 80 of 90 laps around the speedy 2.45-mile layout to become the first repeat winner in nearly a decade, since Marcos Ambrose in 2011-12.

"I think it's huge," Elliott said. "We've had fast cars at times, but one thing or another ended up for a bad weekend. The way we did it was the biggest thing. That's the kind of effort you have to put on often to compete with the guys in the field."

Elliott had already qualified for the postseason with his win at Talladega in May, but after four straight top-fives he hadn't had a top-10 finish in the No. 9 Chevrolet since June at Pocono, a span of seven races. He also led 400 laps in the opening 13 races but had led only nine laps since until Sunday.

It was a two-car race for more than half the 220.5-mile distance and the entire final 40 laps.

Truex began to exert some pressure after sitting behind Elliott for more than 10 laps in the final segment. Elliott held his ground until Truex's No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota closed with six laps to go, waiting to pounce on a mistake that never came.



Chase Elliott celebrates his victory with his pit crew after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Watkins Glen International, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

"I tried to do all I could. Chase did an excellent job just not making mistakes. He hit his marks. His car was really fast in the key areas that you need to be. I just couldn't get a run on him. "Really, it was all about re-starts and track position," Truex said. "If I could have just got by him on that last one we could have set sail." With two laps left, Truex still couldn't get close enough

to make a move as Elliott drove flawlessly, winning by 0.454 seconds.

Denny Hamlin was third, Erik Jones fourth for Gibbs and Ryan Blaney fifth in his No. 22 Penske Racing Ford after starting from the rear of the field.

Seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson finished 19th as he struggles to make the playoffs.

Truex was chasing a sweep

of the two traditional road races on the schedule. He won at Sonoma in June for the second straight time and has five straight top-two finishes on road courses. Truex began to challenge Elliott for the lead entering the first turn on Lap 55, moving briefly inside on the 90-degree, downhill right-hander but backed off to wait for another shot. They were alone

at the front of the field, 12 seconds ahead when Elliott dived to pit road on Lap 60 for his final stop. Truex followed suit the next time around and was back behind Elliott, a bit farther back this time.

Truex stayed back but like last year began to close the gap with 20 laps left. Elliott, who overcame some mistakes in the closing laps a year ago that nearly opened the door for Truex, maintained a steady lead of just a few car-lengths ahead for almost the entire stage, the two 5 seconds ahead of Hamlin in third.

The race was stopped when Johnson, desperate for a good finish, spun out coming out of the carousel turn, a sweeping right-hander, and seconds later Bubba Wallace spun Kyle Busch, who was running 10th on Lap 62. Busch and Wallace had banged each other while racing down the front straightaway before Wallace had the last tap, sending Busch's No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota around entering the first turn. Busch, who started third, finished 11th. □

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## John Force races to record-extending 150th Funny Car win

KENT, Wash. (AP) — John Force raced to his record-extending 150th Funny Car victory Sunday in the NHRA Northwest Nationals.

The 70-year-old Force won for the first time since the Colorado event last year, beating Ron Capps in the final with a 3.971-second run at 320.58 mph in the Peak Auto Lighting Chevrolet.

"It's been 25 races, since Denver last year," Force said. "(Crew chief Brian) Corradi and Daniel Hood and (Tim) Fabrisi have had to put up with me all year,

not happy with the way the car steered, how I sat in it, not happy with so many things. And then I got the monkey on my back and it drives you nuts. You go to bed every night, but the monkey taught me so much, that you need to focus on your car if you want to do good.

"I'm just doing stuff all the time and I don't even know my car. And you know Corradi and Coil said. 'You've got to get to know your car. You've got to live it, you've got to love it. You've got to study the drivers.' I said I

do all that, but I wasn't. So sometimes you need a slap in the face. And that was the monkey that made me focus." The 16-time season champion won for the ninth time at Pacific Raceways. "Give me a good race car, I can race," Force said. "I may not be as young as these kids and a hot shot on that tree, but I can still get it done. I'm glad it's over and I can calm down now and not live with that, thinking you'd never get it. I know I've only got a few years left. I want to enjoy it. I want to have fun. And

when you can't win ... I've been trained to win and it's just it's just not fun."

Force's first career win came June 28, 1987, in Montreal — exactly 700 Funny Car races ago.

Austin Prock won in Top Fuel, and Matt Hartford topped the Pro Stock field. Prock won for the first time in his career, beating points leader Steve Torrence in the final with a 3.875 at 307.86. Hartford denied Greg Anderson's bid to sweep the Western Swing, going 6.606 at 209.33 in the final round in a Camaro. □



## Barnhart's 3-run homer off Greene lifts Reds over Braves 6-4

By **CHARLES ODUM**

**AP Sports Writer**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Shane Greene was acquired to provide long-awaited stability to the back end of the Atlanta Braves' bullpen.

Instead, the new closer has only provided more late-innings struggles.

Tucker Barnhart hit a tie-breaking three-run homer in the 10th inning off Greene and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Braves 6-4 on Sunday after wasting a two-run lead in the ninth.

A day after blowing a save chance in his Braves debut, Greene (0-1) gave up three runs and four hits in one inning. Greene was acquired from Detroit on Wednesday by the Braves, who have a comfortable NL East lead.

Greene was the biggest of three trade-deadline additions to the bullpen. He was immediately inserted into the closer's role, replacing Luke Jackson, who had seven blown saves in 24 chances. "It's unfortunate that I showed up with everybody excited for me to be here, to get the job done," Greene said. "I haven't got that job done two days in a row." Greene said he pitched through some bad luck in Saturday night's debut. He made no excuse for allowing the homer to Barnhart. "Today I threw a horrible pitch and he hit it over the fence and I paid for it," Greene said. Josh VanMeter singled leading off but Greene

got Nick Senzel to ground into a double play. Aristides Aquino and José Iglesias singled ahead of Barnhart's sixth homer, his first since May 25. Barnhart pulled the pitch over the right-field wall. "I'm trying to do anything I can to get the ball to the outfield and make them make a play at the plate," Barnhart said. "I got a pitch in the location I was looking for and was lucky enough to put a good swing on it and help the team win."

Ronald Acuña Jr. hit a tying two-run homer in the ninth off Amir Garrett, thumping his chest and yelling at the Braves' dugout as he flung his bat while leaving the batter's box after his 27th home run this season. Acuña hit a game-ending, 10th-inning single that lifted Atlanta to a 5-4 win on Saturday night.

Robert Stephenson (3-2) got the final two outs in the ninth. David Hernandez gave up a two-out homer to Tyler Flowers in the 10th before retiring Freddie Freeman on a groundout for his second save.

Sonny Gray allowed four hits in seven scoreless innings and struck out seven. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the sixth when Flowers grounded out.

Cincinnati built a 3-0 lead on Jesse Winker's RBI single in the third, Gray's sacrifice bunt in the fourth and Senzel's run-scoring single in the fifth.

Atlanta wore throwback uniforms from 1974, when Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record, and was shut out until Josh

Freeman provided rookie Austin Riley with his first start at first base. Riley played in four games at first base at Triple-A Gwinnett

Foltyniewicz, who began the season on the injured list with a bone spur, went 2-5 with a 6.37 ERA in 11 starts for Atlanta.



**Cincinnati Reds Tucker Barnhart (16) rounds third and reacts with third base/catching coach J.R. House (56) after hitting a three-run home run in the tenth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, in Atlanta.**

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Donaldson homered off Lucas Sims in the eighth.

Braves starter Julio Teheran walked a season-high six, including one intentionally, in five innings.

### **TRAINER'S ROOM**

Braves: RHP Jacob Webb (right elbow impingement) was activated from the 10-day injured list and optioned to Triple-A Gwinnett. ... A rare break from start-

this season before his promotion on May 15. He had no previous professional experience at first base.

### **STILL WAITING**

Braves starter Mike Foltyniewicz will make at least one more start for Triple-A Gwinnett before the team decides if he will return to the majors. The right-hander is 4-0 with a 2.67 ERA in six starts since getting de-

### **BALLPARK REVIEW**

Reds manager David Bell served the third game of a six-game suspension. He said before the game he has had a nice tour of SunTrust Park, watching games from various locations in the stands. "Really nice ballpark," he said. While suspended, he must avoid the dugout, clubhouse and press box during games. □

## U.S. women's volleyball team secures Tokyo Olympics bid

**BOSSIER CITY, La. (AP)** — The U.S. women's volleyball team secured its berth to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics on Sunday, beating Argentina in straight sets Sunday at a Tokyo Women's Volleyball Qualification Tournament.

Coach Karch Kiraly's third-ranked Americans went unbeaten in Pool C of qualifying this weekend, rallying from a set down and again from a 2-1 deficit Saturday night to beat 16th-ranked Bulgaria before a 25-22, 25-17, 25-13 victory over No. 11 Argentina.

The U.S. has never won an Olympic gold medal, capturing bronze in the Rio Games three years ago. Now, the Americans have quali-

fied a year out — a different path than during the last Olympic cycle when they had to win a second qualifying event in January 2016 at Lincoln, Nebraska, after missing out with two losses at the 2015 World Cup in Japan as just the top two teams from that event secured bids then to Rio.

"We can be really proud with how we fought through here, especially the challenge that Bulgaria through at us down two sets to one and the nice response we put together," Kiraly said. "This is huge for the program. Everybody knows that we are going to Tokyo. We got that ticket locked in. We worked really hard for that this year. That

helps in the planning, and it makes it that much closer in the distance. It is not that much distance to Tokyo."

This deep U.S. squad has some familiar Olympic veterans such as Jordan Larson, Kelsey Robinson and Kim Hill along with a mix of young players. The Americans beat No. 23 Kazakhstan in straight sets Friday.

In addition, middle blocker Tori Dixon is back in a key role with the U.S. after she was forced to miss the 2016 Olympics with a left knee injury that required reconstructive ACL surgery. She won Sunday on her 27th birthday.

"I am really glad with how we played, how we performed. It is a

best birthday present ever, honestly," Dixon said.

"Our outsides and Jordan Thompson did a great job. They came in and carried a big load all summer long, especially today."

Opposite Jordan Thompson will return to the University of Cincinnati this fall having gained valuable national team experience.

Thompson had a match-high 16 points with 13 kills, two aces and a block in Sunday's match, which was delayed by about 30 minutes by a power outage in the arena.

"This experience is only going to help me going back to college, and adjusting back to the level of play in college," Thompson said. □





In this Jan. 8, 1983, file photo Los Angeles Raiders wide receiver Cliff Branch, right, catches a pass from quarterback Jim Plunkett for a 64-yard gain during the first quarter of a playoff game with the Cleveland Browns in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## Former Raiders wide receiver Cliff Branch dead at age 71

**NAPA, Calif. (AP)** — Cliff Branch, one of the Raiders' career-leading wide receivers who won three Super Bowls in 14 seasons with the franchise, has died. He was 71.

Branch was found dead Saturday in a hotel room in Bullhead City, Arizona, the city's police department said. It said an initial investigation revealed no foul play and that Branch died of natural causes.

"Cliff Branch touched the lives of generations of Raiders fans," the Raiders said in a statement on their website. "His loss leaves an eternal void for the Raiders Family, but his kindness and loving nature will be fondly remembered forever."

One of the game's top deep threats from 1972 to 1985 in Oakland and Los Angeles, Branch was an All-Pro three straight seasons (1974-76) and made four Pro Bowls. He scored 67 touchdowns through the air, leading the NFL in TD receptions in 1974 with 13 and in 1976 with 12.

Branch also had a league-high 1,092 yards receiving in 1974.

He was a force in the post-season, with 1,289 yards receiving. The Raiders won Super Bowls after the 1976, 1980 and 1983 seasons — the last one in Los Angeles, where the franchise moved in 1982 after protracted court fights before returning to the Bay Area in 1995. In 1983, Branch tied the NFL record with a 99-yard touchdown catch in a regular-season game. He stands third among Raiders pass catchers in yards receiving with 8,685, trailing Tim Brown and Fred Biletnikoff — both Hall of Famers.

Branch was a semifinalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004 and 2010.

"All my peers that I played against and that are in the Hall of Fame, they tell me that I deserve to be in the Hall of Fame," Branch told the Raiders' website in a recent interview. "It's the crowning glory, just like getting a Super Bowl ring." □



In this Dec. 2, 2015, file photo, San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, left, talks with forward Tim Duncan (21) during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks in San Antonio.

Associated Press

## Jerry Colangelo: No angst as USA Basketball enters World Cup camp

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo said Sunday that he is not worried about the Americans' chances as they begin preparations for the FIBA World Cup, even after a wildly unpredictable process was needed just to fill a training-camp roster for the tournament that starts in China at the end of the month.

"Honestly, I don't have any angst," Colangelo said.

It took more than 50 invitations — and probably that many revisions of plans — to get to Sunday, the day where 15 members of the current national team arrived in Las Vegas for meetings and final preparations before the first training camp practice under new USA Basketball coach Gregg Popovich starts Monday.

Also in Las Vegas: 14 more NBA players on an enhanced practice squad known as the select team, and it's a very real possibility that some of those players — Sacramento's De'Aaron Fox probably among them — will get a good look at moving up

to the national team and potentially going to China for the World Cup.

"We're going to have some fun," Colangelo said.

It'll likely be a young group going to China, no matter who is on the plane. USA Basketball said at least six of the 12 players on the last three World Cup rosters were 24 or younger at the time, and that looks like it could be the case again. Of the 15 players on the national team now, six are 24 or younger.

Miami Heat center Bam Adebayo said after arriving in Las Vegas on Sunday that he didn't hesitate when he got the call inquiring about whether he'd want to play.

"I was like, 'Who would say no to this chance?'" the 22-year-old Adebayo said.

Popovich has said finalizing a 12-man roster for China won't be easy. Then again, he likely wasn't counting on this much attrition.

This process of building a team for China started last year with 35 players being added to the selection pool for the World Cup and next year's Tokyo

Olympics. Of those 35, 30 have already withdrawn from World Cup consideration for a variety of reasons — pending fatherhood, injury rehabilitation, filming a movie, preparing for the potential of a long NBA season. The World Cup will end on Sept. 15, meaning the U.S. players, if they made the medal round, would get home about two weeks before NBA camps open.

More than a dozen other names were officially added to the national team list along the way, with two of those players dropping out already as well. Others like New Orleans' J.J. Redick were invited but declined even before being formally added to the list.

Add it all up, and there have been at least 52 players under real consideration in the last year and a half. That doesn't include the select-teams, others who were considered for that squad like New Orleans rookie and No. 1 overall draft pick Zion Williamson (who declined) — or the 52 G League players who went through 12 qualifying games needed to get the U.S. into the World Cup. □



# ID theft stings, but it's hard to pin on specific data hacks

By **ANICK JESDANUN**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Equifax 2017 . Marriott 2018 . Capital One 2019 .

Data breaches through hacking attacks are distressingly common these days, and personal details about you can lead to identity theft, such as credit cards and loans in your name. But it's hard to pin the blame on any specific hack, as the most sophisticated criminals combine data from multiple attacks to better impersonate you.

"That's why fraud can be emotionally challenging," said Kyle Marchini, a specialist in fraud management at the financial research group Javelin. "It just comes out of the blue, and there's no way to identify where it came from or what I could have done to prevent that."

While the number of reported breaches decreased slightly last year to 1,244, according to the nonprofit Identity Theft Resource Center, the total number of records exposed more than doubled to 447 million. That suggests hackers are focusing on larger organizations with bigger payoffs. Last year's figures include data on about 383 million Marriott guests in a breach that investigators suspect was tied to the Chinese government.

Criminal rings often buy datasets from multiple hacks to commit fraud. The idea is to collect enough information to get past ID verification and authentication checks that banks and other institutions employ. One



In this Tuesday, July 30, 2019, file photo, the logo for Capital One Financial appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

database with your Social Security number might have your old address, but hackers can simply sub in your current one from a more recent database.

"We're in this vicious cycle," said Eva Velasquez, the ID theft center's CEO. "We create and capture and use more and more data points about a specific individual in order to fight fraud and authenticate people. That, in turns, makes data more valuable to the thieves, so they are going to increase the efforts to get that data." Fraudulent card charges are relatively easy to reverse, and U.S. law limits credit card liability for consumers. But fraud involving new accounts is tougher to deal with.

Javelin estimates that the average victim spends 18 hours dealing with the fallout, including convincing

collection agencies and credit-ratings agencies that the accounts weren't really theirs. And victims wind up spending hundreds of dollars out of pocket. Javelin estimated that more than 3 million U.S. adults were victims of new account fraud last year, nearly triple the number in 2013.

Much of the increase can be attributed to the cumulative effect of data breaches and the types of information stolen.

While credit card numbers and passwords can be changed, birth dates and Social Security numbers typically stay with you for life. And U.S. passport numbers stick around for 10 years. Hackers in the 2017 breach of credit monitoring firm Equifax got some or all of that from 147 million people. Equifax agreed last week to pay at least \$700

million to settle lawsuits.

Just a few days later, the bank Capital One disclosed a breach of personal information of 106 million Capital One credit card holders or applicants in the U.S. and Canada. The data included self-reported income, credit scores and account balances. Although Capital One said it doesn't believe the information was used for fraud, the breach further increases worries about leaked data — in this case, the very types of information needed to submit credit card applications.

"Every breach increases the risk because different pieces of information come out," said Deepak Patel, a vice president at the security firm PerimeterX.

Beyond financial applications, personal data can be useful for telemarketing

and email phishing scams, as fraudsters try to trick you by claiming they already know you. And criminals armed with such data can impersonate you on calls with financial institutions to get money transferred or a mailing address changed. You can take such precautions as freezing your credit, which stops thieves from opening new credit cards or loans in your name. Doing so is now free, though you'll have to temporarily unfreeze your credit if you apply for a new credit card or loan.

You can also sign up for a credit monitoring service, which alerts you when someone is pinging your credit report, a precursor to opening a new account. There are also ID protection services that will scan the internet underground for signs your personal data is for sale. Some of these services are available for free to customers hit with data breaches, including the one at Equifax.

But Jason Wang, who founded TrueVault to help companies protect data, said there's not a lot consumers can do once their data is in the wild. A better approach, he said, is to minimize what data is sitting on servers — something a California privacy law may do if it takes effect as planned on Jan. 1. Among other things, customers can seek information on what data companies have on them and request its deletion — although companies wouldn't have to do anything unless they get such requests. □



In this May 8, 2019, file photo a worker stands near a Boeing 737 MAX 8 jetliner being built for American Airlines prior to a test flight in Renton, Wash.

Associated Press

## AP Sources: Boeing changing Max software to use 2 computers

By **TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Business Writer**

Boeing is working on new software for the 737 Max that will use a second flight control computer to make the system more reliable, solving a problem that surfaced in June with the grounded jet, two people briefed on the matter said Friday.

When finished, the new software will give Boeing a complete package for regulators to evaluate as the company tries to get the Max flying again, according to the people, who didn't want to be identified because the new software hasn't been publicly disclosed. The Max was grounded

worldwide after crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed a total of 346 people. Use of the second redundant computer, reported Thursday by the Seattle Times, would resolve a problem discovered in theoretical problem simulations done by the Federal Aviation Administration after the crashes. □





This undated photo provided by Greg Thomsen, shows photo Thomsen, chief outdoors officer at Adidas, posing for a photo.

Associated Press

## Adidas' Greg Thomsen talks outdoors business

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When 40-year outdoor industry veteran Greg Thomsen launched Adidas's U.S. outdoors business back in 2010, he faced some big challenges. The outdoors market was overcrowded, and retailers were skeptical of the German company's youthful, brightly colored designs that contrasted with the muted tones then offered by rivals. Its European tight fit also stood out. But Thomsen, whose diverse experiences include roles as entrepreneur, product designer and marketer, had to prove the outdoors division wasn't just a flash in the pan. He first concentrated on selling to specialty outdoor merchants to gain authenticity before branching out to big chains. Other suppliers later adopted bright colors. And Adidas tweaked the fit for the U.S. customer to make it more forgiving. Now the products, including shoes and clothing, are in more than 800 outdoor specialty and sporting goods retailers. Thomsen declined to comment on specific sales but in the last few years, Adidas Outdoor has had a compounded growth of more than 25%.

In January, Adidas Global confirmed that the management of the Adidas Outdoor business will move in-house and operations will move from Los Angeles to the division headquarters in Portland, Oregon by Dec. 31, 2020. Thomsen, chief outdoor officer of the division, says he plans to focus on making the transition as smooth and organized as possible.

The Associated Press recently spoke with Thomsen about the highly competitive outdoor market and other new challenges. The conversation has been edited for clarity and length.

**Q.** Can you describe the scene when you first launched Adidas Outdoor in 2010?

**A.** At the time, no camping, footwear, apparel company had ever been able to break into the outdoor industry even though many have tried, including Adidas in the past. And what we found was the market was rather saturated with really good brands that had been around for 30 or 40 years. And all the retailers had all the space covered with the products that they were currently selling. So for us to break in, we actually had to take space away from existing brands,

which is very difficult to do. The initial reaction was very skeptical. It was just a long hard discussion to prove that we weren't going anywhere. That took about five years. Then it started to really take off because the product is really good.

**Q.** What are some of the trends in outdoors?

**A.** The blending of classic performance outdoor design with a new generation, streetwise details and sensibilities. In footwear, a good example of next generation design is the Free Hiker — a hiking boot that uses the newest technical performance materials and constructions that is equally suited for a backcountry trail or a fashion-forward city street scene.

**Q.** What about the trend of getting back to nature?

**A.** Similar to the rise of backpacking and adventure travel in the 1970s, the growth in car camping, van life, glamping and cultural travel are all growing areas of activity. Experiences over possessions. A growth in storytelling and experience-sharing, with everything documented on Facebook or Instagram as a means of identifying (and being labeled) as an environmentally-minded, active outdoor enthusiast. □



In this March 6, 2018 file photo, Police officers secure the area as a police tent covers the spot in Salisbury, England, where former Russian spy double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found critically ill following exposure to a nerve agent.

Associated Press

## U.S. exempts aviation, space exports from new Russia sanctions

Associated Press


**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration has decided to exempt aviation safety and space exploration technology from new sanctions it has levied against Russia in connection with the poisoning of a former Russian spy and his daughter in Britain.

The State Department said late Friday that products related to those sectors will not be automatically subjected to an export ban that was announced by President Donald Trump this week. The sanctions do include a presumption of denial for export licenses for items that could be used in the production of chemical and biological weapons.

They also mean the U.S. will oppose loans or other assistance to Russia by international financial institutions like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and bar U.S. banks from participating in non-ruble Russian debt financing.

The export ban and financing restrictions are part of a package of sanctions imposed on Russia over the March 2018 poisoning of Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military intelligence officer turned double agent for Britain, and his visiting daughter, Yulia. The pair were found unconscious on a park bench in the British town of Salisbury after being exposed to the nerve agent Novichok. They spent weeks in critical condition but recovered. Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov played

down the latest sanctions, saying the Russian economy has already proved its resistance to "external constraints." He also said that regarding public and corporate debt, "we are confident that the financial system we have created allows us to meet the needs of the budget and enterprises." The new U.S. sanctions will take effect in September and will remain in place for at least a year. They can only be lifted after that yearlong period if the administration certifies to Congress that Russia has provided reliable assurances that it is not making preparations to use chemical weapons, will not use chemical weapons in the future, has allowed international inspectors to verify those assurances, and has paid restitution to the victims of the Salisbury attack. □



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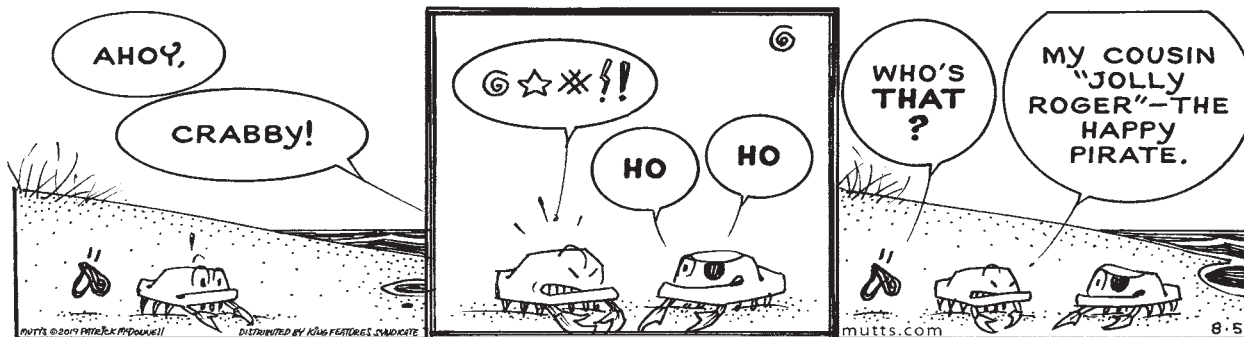
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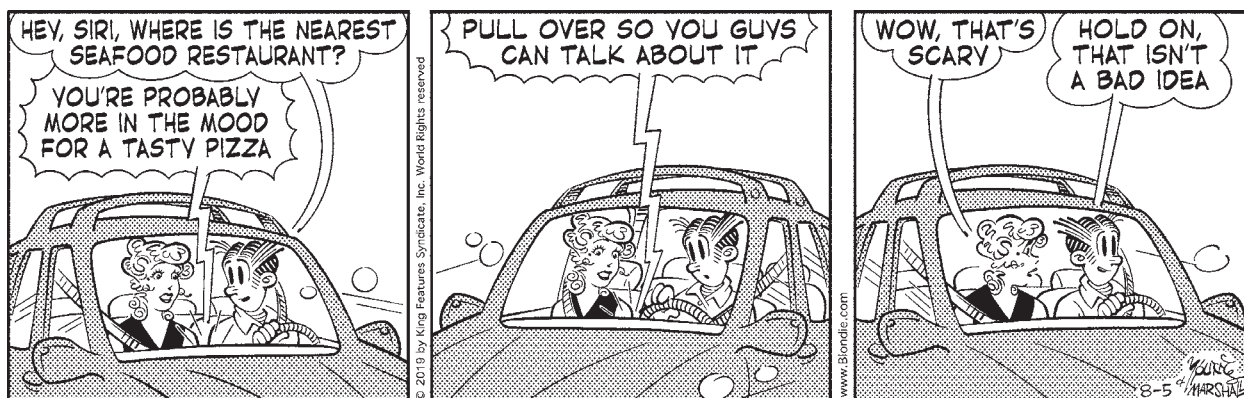
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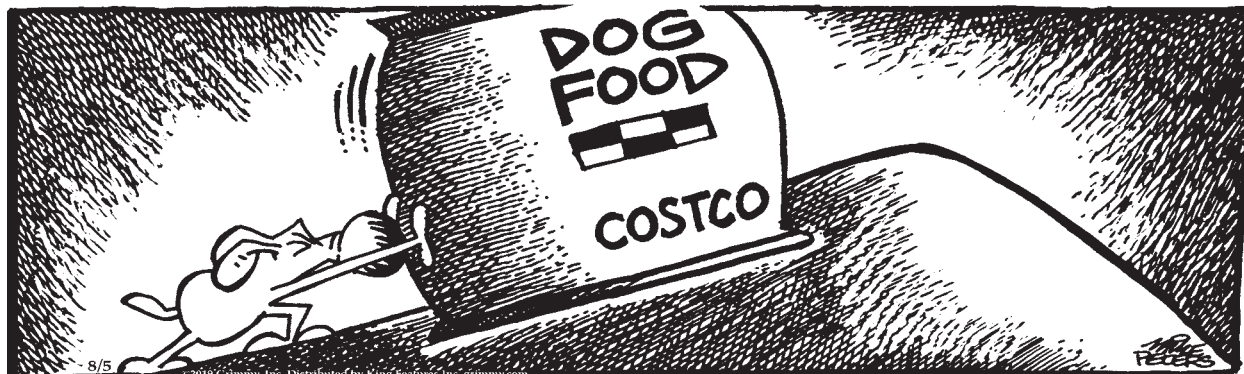
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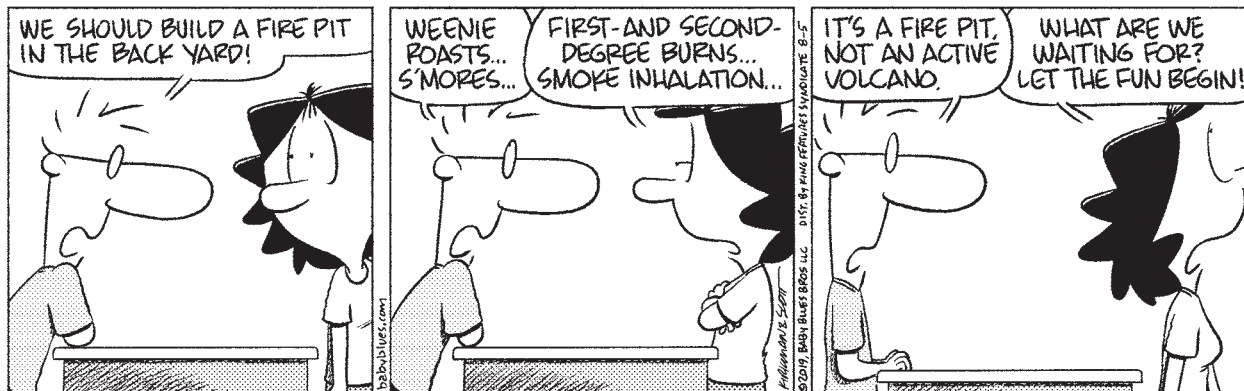
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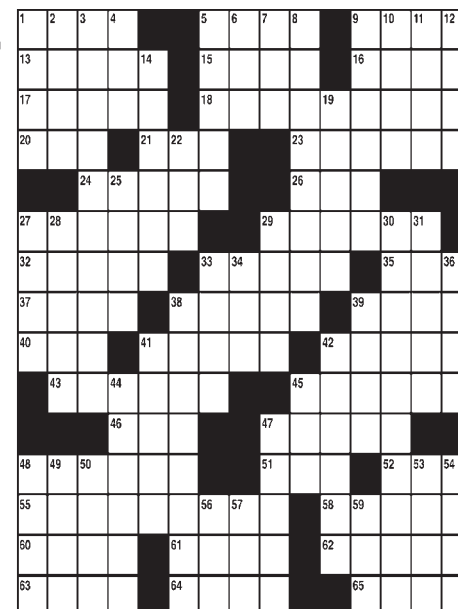
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

5	8	3	1	4	7	9	2	6
9	7	6	5	2	3	1	8	4
4	2	1	6	9	8	3	5	7
3	1	9	7	5	4	2	6	8
8	4	5	2	6	1	7	3	9
7	6	2	8	3	9	5	4	1
1	9	4	3	8	5	6	7	2
2	3	7	4	1	6	8	9	5
6	5	8	9	7	2	4	1	3

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- Clipper or galleon
- Potpie ingredients
- Quebec or Alberta: abbr.
- Lubricated
- Torn in two
- "Penny"; Beatles hit
- Fraternity letter
- Law
- As light; feather
- Floor cleaner
- Pinkie, for one
- Cain & Martin
- "-fi-to-fum..."
- Wreak havoc on
- Clergyman
- Linda Lavin's role
- "... Were the Days"
- Nickname for Margaret
- Luxurious
- Minimum
- Bridge
- That girl
- Adhesive
- Baseball's Yogi
- Druggie
- Most rational
- "Grand \_\_\_ Opry"
- Repairs
- Most popular sport worldwide
- Have supper
- "Zip it!"
- Not fated
- Adios in Avignon
- \_\_\_ phones; Verizon store display
- Not slack
- Bekins employee
- Patella's place
- Hard-boiled edibles
- Peddle



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- Hamster or hound
- \_\_\_ up; provides support for
- Suffix for auction or profit
- \_\_\_ so forth; et cetera
- Hardest to bend
- Mercury or Mars
- \_\_\_ up; phoned
- Singly
- Swerve
- Wreck
- Family tree member
- Late bedtime
- \_\_\_ other; one another
- Knocks
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- JFK's mother
- Tyrannical
- Backsides
- Exam
- Head topper
- Small fly
- Tear roughly

### DOWN

- \_\_\_ pop; soft drink
- Rushes
- Foolhardy

### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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LEES	PRONE	SILO
YEAH	AGREE	SCAR
PROTRUDED	IOWA	
VASE	LAS	
SCHEME	OPINIONS	
PHILS	GRIND	PEA
RODS	CLANG	MEWS
IRE	CAULK	PORES
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RED	BEND	
SURE	IMMENSITY	
OPEN	NEARS	NOON
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ONLY	LOSES	DEC

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- \_\_\_ in the "Clowns"
- \_\_\_ up; amassed
- Feisty rooster
- Tame
- Aegean or Yellow
- Encounters
- Defensive tackle's coup
- Baker's need
- Composer
- Porter
- Part of the foot
- Throw
- In the \_\_\_; like a sure thing
- Oaf
- Tijuana two





French inventor Franky Zapata flies near St. Margaret's beach, Dover after crossing the Channel on a flying board Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.

Associated Press

## French hoverboard inventor flies over the English Channel

By **THOMAS ADAMSON** and **JASON PARKINSON**  
Associated Press

**ST. MARGARET'S BAY, England (AP)** — Is it a bird? A plane? No, it's a French inventor flying over the English Channel on his hoverboard.

Looking like a superhero, Franky Zapata successfully completed the famed 35-kilometer (22-mile) journey in just 22 minutes Sunday morning, reaching speeds of up to 177 kilometers per hour (110 mph) on the flyboard that has made him a French household name.

Propelled by a power pack full of kerosene, Zapata set off from Sangatte in France's Pas de Calais region and landed in St. Margaret's Bay, beyond the white cliffs of Dover, in southeast England. He stopped only once, on the British side, to refuel his futuristic invention from a boat in the choppy waters.

"I'm feeling happy ... It's just an amazing moment in my life," he said in English following his touchdown in Britain. "The last 10% (of the flight) was easier ... because I had the time to look at the cliffs."

It was, of course, the record for such a trip: No one else has tried to cross the channel in this way.

It was also a personal record — the furthest distance that the 40-year-old, who drew nationwide attention after whizzing above European leaders in Paris at Bastille Day celebrations, had ever traveled atop his hoverboard. □



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## Endangered list sought for firefly with double-green flash

By **RANDALL CHASE**

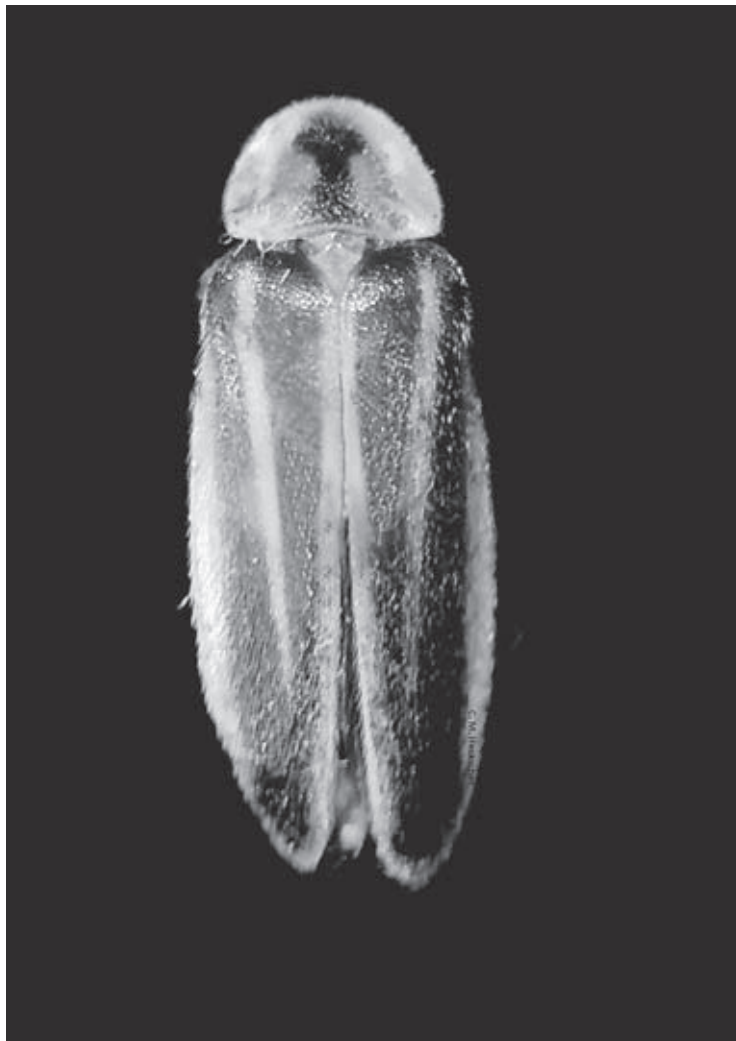
**Associated Press**

**BETHANY BEACH, Del. (AP)**

— Peering through the darkness under the faint light of a peach-colored moon, wildlife biologist Jason Davis spots a telltale green flash in the bushes. Quick as a flash himself, Davis arcs a long-handled mesh net through the humid coastal air, ensnaring his tiny target.

Ignoring the mosquitoes, Davis heads to the open bed of his pickup truck, opens up a notebook-size metal testing kit and begins examining his find. Two minutes later, he makes his pronouncement.

"That is what I am calling bethaniensis," he declares. "Photuris bethaniensis," aka the Bethany Beach Firefly, was first identified in the 1950s and has been found only in a sliver of southern Delaware coastland. Now environmental groups are shining a beacon on the luminescent beetle, whose unique habitat is threatened by coastal development, sea level rise, invasive plants and insecticides. The Center for Biological Diversity and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, both based in Oregon, are pushing for the federal Endangered



This image released by Delaware State University, left, shows a rare Bethany Beach Firefly, Oct. 19, 2018, in Dover, Del; and an aerial photo taken Tuesday, July 16, 2019, right, in Bethany Beach, Del., shows a wooden road built on pilings in one of the freshwater wetlands in coastal Delaware where the Bethany Beach Firefly, which some environmentalists want added to the federal Endangered Species List, has been previously found.

**Associated Press**

Species list to include its first firefly.

Their petition to the Department of Interior says

the Bethany Beach Firefly "is at immediate risk of extinction" from the "imminent destruction" of much

of its habitat, noting plans to build expensive beach homes in one of the largest of the rare freshwater swales where the firefly has been found. The swales are shallow depressions tucked among sand dunes and fed by underground aquifers and rain water.

The Bethany Beach Firefly is already on Delaware's endangered species list, but that only it makes it illegal to transport, possess or sell them. The state has been unable to intervene in the development project because, unlike other states, Delaware doesn't regulate most freshwater wetlands, which account for about 75% of all wetlands in Delaware. State environmental secretary Shawn Garvin suggests that should change.

"This is just an example of why the state would like to have some ability to engage in these types of projects in nontidal wetlands," Garvin said.

Meanwhile, to avoid having to obtain a federal permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge or fill in the wetland, the developer of the Breakwater Beach project has built an elaborate elevated wooden cul-de-sac on pilings in anticipation of building

the homes, also perched on pilings. "That firefly was at the top of my list to do a petition for fireflies," said Tara Cornelisse, a scientist with the Center for Biological Diversity. "But when we were certain about the development going on in one of its habitats, that's when we elevated it to an emergency listing."

Immediate federal protection is unlikely, and the developer is moving forward with construction. A petitioner can request an emergency listing, but federal law does not provide for a separate emergency process. Guidelines call for a decision within 90 days on whether a yearlong review is merited to determine whether action is warranted. Actually getting listed can take much longer still: "I think the average is 12 years," Cornelisse said. The petition says the Breakwater Beach development is destroying one of only seven freshwater swales where the firefly was previously found.

"They were superabundant in that one spot," said Christopher Heckscher, an environmental scientist at Delaware State University who "rediscovered" the Bethany Beach Firefly in the late 1990s. □

## Environment concerns add new species to U.S. overfished list

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**

**Associated Press**

Changes in the environment, including warming waters, are prompting the U.S. government to add eight populations of fish to its federal overfished list, scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Friday.

The annual Report to Congress on the Status of U.S. Fisheries said two populations of Chinook salmon and three populations of coho salmon will be added to the list. The agency is also adding Atlantic big eye tuna, Atlantic mackerel of the Gulf of Maine and Cape Hatteras and blue

king crab of Saint Matthew Island, Alaska, to the list.

NOAA adds fish stocks to the overfished list when their populations become too low. That prompts rebuilding efforts by management councils and can result in restrictions to commercial fishing.

Environmental changes, habitat degradation and international fishing pres-

sure contributed to the fall in the eight stocks, NOAA said in a statement. The coho salmon stocks, for example, are located in Washington state, where warmer water, drought or degraded habitat made it more difficult to spawn.

"The change in environmental conditions really affects stocks like salmon," said Alan Risenhoover, di-

rector of NOAA's Office of Sustainable Fisheries.

Warm water conditions could also be affecting the growth of the Saint Matthew Island blue king crab, NOAA said. Chinook and coho salmon have also been affected by drought and lack of enough water for spawning.

NOAA said the vast majority of fish stocks in the U.S. remain at sustainable levels. Less than 18% of the stocks for which NOAA has determined a status are considered overfished.

The agency also keeps a list of stocks that have been rebuilt, and the number increased from 44 to 45 last year with the addition of Gulf of Maine smooth skate. □

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## Clintons, Mariah Carey turn out for Barbra Streisand concert

By MESFIN FEKADU  
AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Barbra Streisand's return to New York City's Madison Square Garden for the first time in 13 years attracted figures from pop superstar Mariah Carey to Bill and Hillary Clinton for a concert that turned political.

The iconic singer performed a show-stopping concert Saturday night, receiving standing ovations from fans including Carey, who showed up to her seat as Streisand ended her first song of the night.

Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler and Rev. Al Sharpton also attended the show, where Streisand was backed by an orchestra with more than a dozen talented musicians.

In characteristic fashion, Streisand brought politics into the concert, warning Republicans in the audience to cover their ears before launching into a re-

mixed version of "Send in the Clowns" that took jabs at President Donald Trump. Streisand had covered the Stephen Sondheim song for "The Broadway Album" in 1985.

"Maybe he's poor, till he reveals his returns who can be sure, who is this clown," she sang as the audience erupted in applause. "Something's amiss, I don't approve, now that's he's running the free world where can we move, maybe a town, who is this clown?"

After the song, a photo of the White House — with circus tent on top of it — appeared on the screen, followed by Trump in clown makeup. An altered version of his Time magazine 2016 Person of the Year cover showed him with a red nose under the words "clown of the year."

Streisand, a proud Democrat who has supported the Clintons as well as Barack Obama, released a song



In this Feb. 24, 2019 file photo, Barbra Streisand introduces "BlackKkKlansman" at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

last year that questioned Trump and pleaded for change called "Don't Lie to Me."

Streisand thanked the political figures in the audience for their efforts and said she wished she could have sung at Hillary Clinton's inauguration like she sang at

Bill Clinton's 1993 inaugural gala.

Audience members snapped photos and captured video of the Clintons as they exited MSG. Bill Clinton went up to Dinkins after spotting him in the audience, and they embraced one another and

exchanged words.

Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal, Richard E. Grant, Donna Karan, Rosie O'Donnell, Sally Field, Ben Platt and Beanie Feldstein, among other celebrities, also made their way to midtown Manhattan to watch Streisand perform. □

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## 'Hobbs & Shaw' is No. 1 but trails pace of 'Fast & Furious'

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The first spinoff of the 18-year-old "Fast & Furious" franchise, "Hobbs & Shaw," sped away with \$180.8 million in its worldwide debut, including \$60.8 million domestically — a strong opening that dethroned "The Lion King" after a two-week reign at No. 1 but couldn't match the box-office pace of recent "Fast & Furious"

films. "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" was crafted as a buddy-movie left turn for the car-mad franchise. It teams two franchise regulars, Dwayne Johnson's federal agent Luke Hobbs and mercenary Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham), for an adventure outside the previous eight films. Those will resume in May with "Fast & Furious 9." The deviation came with a slight risk for Universal Pic-



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Dwayne Johnson, left, and Jason Statham in a scene from "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw."

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tures. The "Fast & Furious" films have developed into one of the most bankable series in Hollywood. The last two entries each grossed more than \$1 billion. "The Fate of the Furious" took in \$1.2 billion in 2017. "Furious 7" made \$1.5 billion in 2015. The opening for "Hobbs & Shaw," while right on expectations, is the smallest domestic debut for a "Fast & Furious" film since 2006's "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift." But the \$200

million release is aiming to do its largest damage abroad; it grossed \$120 million internationally over the weekend. That's without China, where "Fast & Furious" films have excelled. It opens there August 23. Jim Orr, distribution chief for Universal, pointed to strong audience response, across demographics, to "Hobbs & Shaw" as evidence of its widespread support and playability as a crowd-pleaser through the dol-

drums of August. While the film scored a 67% fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, audiences gave it a 90%. The CinemaScore was A-minus. "It's super encouraging and really tells about how broad this franchise plays," said Orr. "We are obviously all extraordinarily excited to see this home-grown 'Fast & Furious' franchise break out down another avenue." "The Lion King" slid to second in its third weekend with \$38.2 million. The Disney remake earlier this week crossed \$1 billion worldwide, becoming the fourth Disney movie this year to do so. It joins "Avengers: Endgame," "Aladdin" and "Captain Marvel" in that club, with "Toy Story 4" (\$959.3 million) poised to soon join them. Not accounting for inflation, this "Lion King" (\$1.195 billion) has now outgrossed the 1994 original (\$968.5 million). □

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## 'The Rookie' star alleges sexual harassment, discrimination

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Afton Williamson, star of the ABC crime series "The Rookie," says she's quitting the show because of sexual harassment and racial discrimination she experienced during the show's first season. In an Instagram post Sunday, Williamson said throughout the filming of the show's pilot, "I experienced racial discrimination/racially charged inappropriate comments from the hair department." She said the treatment worsened when she was sexually harassed by a recurring guest star, bullied by executive producers and ultimately was sexually assaulted by a crew member at a wrap party. Representatives for ABC did not respond to messages Sunday. A representative for Williamson didn't immediately respond to messages seeking further details on the actress's claims, or whether the alleged sexual assault was reported to the police. Williamson also was highly



This Sept. 8, 2019, file photo shows Afton Williamson attending the PaleyFest Fall TV Previews of "The Rookie" at The Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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critical of how her claims were handled by showrunner and executive producer Alexi Hawley. Williamson said she filed reports on the incidents but they weren't seriously investigated by the network or shared by Hawley with other producers. "After my initial report of sexual harassment, I was assured that the actor would be fired," said Williamson of the guest star. "I was also asked to film with

him the very next day as a courtesy to the script, even though we had not begun filming the episode yet." Representatives for Hawley didn't immediately respond to messages Sunday. Williamson co-starred in the Los Angeles-based ABC drama, a co-production between ABC Studios and Entertainment One. In the show, Nathan Fillion stars as a rookie police officer. □



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## Kevin Spacey reads poem about forsaken boxer at Rome museum

By COLLEEN BARRY  
Associated Press

**MILAN (AP)** — Actor Kevin Spacey read a poem about a worn-out and dejected boxer during an unexpected performance at a Rome museum Friday night, weeks after a criminal sexual misconduct case against him collapsed in Massachusetts.

Spacey's appearance at the National Roman Museum was not publicly announced in advance. The museum had posted a cryptic notice on its website saying a two-time Oscar winner would be reading works by Italian poet Gabriele Tinti during a rare evening event — but didn't name the person.

During the reading, Spacey stood next to an ancient Greek bronze statue of a battered fighter while reciting Tinti's "The Boxer." The poem is about a fighter left bleeding at ringside, cast

aside despite previous glory. Anyone familiar with the rapid downward course of the former "House of Cards" actor's career after sexual misconduct allegations were made against him in 2017 would have an easy time finding meaning between the lines.

Video clips published in Italian media and by U.S. news site The Daily Beast show Spacey dramatically intoning the verses, including one reading: "The more you are wounded, the greater you are. And the more empty you are. They used me for their entertainment, fed on shoddy stuff. Life was over in a moment." Barbie Latza Nadeau, The Daily Beast's Rome correspondent, said four journalists were invited to the reading and promised sit-down interviews with Spacey that did not materialize. "Everyone in the tiny room was left speechless by

Spacey's unapologetic performance. By the time it was over, a bigger crowd had gathered outside, and he read the whole poem again to them," Latza Nadeau wrote.

She said the most poignant parts of the reading came near the end, when he read the lines "You have to suck the heart of a hero as long as it beats" and "I shook the country, made the arenas vibrate, tore my opponents to shreds. I lit up the darkness, collected insults, compelled applause. Not everyone knew how to do this."

Tinti wrote "The Boxer" several years before sexual harassment and assault in Hollywood crystallized into the scandal that cost Spacey and others work and their reputations. The poet told The Daily Beast he sent the poem to Spacey through a friend but never expected him to give a public read-



In this Oct. 27, 2017 file photo, Kevin Spacey presents the award for excellence in television at the BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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ing. The poem has been read at museums before, by actor Robert Davi at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles and by Italian actor Franco Nero at the National Roman Museum.

Prosecutors in Massachusetts last month dropped an indecent assault and battery charge against Spacey after the accuser invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify about text messages the

defense claimed were deleted. The man had accused the actor of getting him drunk and groping him when he was an 18-year-old busboy at a Nantucket restaurant.

The former "House of Cards" star is still being investigated in London and Los Angeles over several allegations and faces a federal lawsuit alleging he assaulted a massage therapist. □



# San Francisco curbs waste with public toilets, 'poop patrol'

By JANIE HAR  
Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

The sidewalks surrounding Ahmed Al Barak's corner market in one of San Francisco's roughest neighborhoods are filled with cardboard, used syringes and homeless people who have nowhere safe to go at night.

But Al Barak says it's an improvement from a year ago, before the city posted a portable toilet across the street from his business in the city's Tenderloin district. He no longer regularly sees people relieve themselves in broad daylight, and he does not see as much feces and urine on the streets. In his opinion, it's the one bright spot in a city where taxes are too high.

"We used to have a disaster here. I used to call the city all the time to come and clean, because they don't know where to go," he said, recalling one woman in particular who shrugged at him in a "what can you do?" gesture as she squatted to pee.

San Francisco started its "Pit Stop" program in July 2014 with public toilets in the city's homeless-heavy Tenderloin, after children complained of dodging human waste on their way to school. Today, the staffed bathrooms have grown from three to 25 locations, and the program has expanded to Los Angeles. In May, the toilets in San Francisco recorded nearly 50,000 flushes, all logged by attendants.

The condition of San Francisco's streets has been a source of embarrassment to city leaders, and cleaning up is not cheap. The city received nearly 27,000 requests for feces removal in the most recent fiscal year, although not all are human.

Mayor London Breed last year announced the formation of a special six-person "poop patrol" team where each cleaner earns more than \$70,000 a year. Advocates say steam cleaning requests have dropped in areas surrounding some of the public toi-



In this photo taken July 18, 2019, Nelson Butler, right, greets Lester "Smokey" Williams at one of the 25 "Pit Stop" locations in San Francisco.

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lets. The mayor signed a budget Thursday that includes more than \$9 million for the Pit Stop toilets this year, up from \$5 million last fiscal year. San Francisco will add seven new bathrooms in a city where a one-night count of homeless people grew 17% in the past two years.

The toilets each cost an average of \$200,000 a year to operate, with most of the money going to staffing and overhead.

Some of the bathrooms are permanent fixtures, while others are portables with two toilets that are trucked in and out. The stops have

receptacles for used syringes and dog waste. Attendants who are paid the city's minimum wage of \$16 an hour check after every use and knock on doors to make sure people are not doing drugs or other illicit activity. The bathrooms must shine or they do not open. The staffing is what makes a toilet a Pit Stop, and the work is usually done by men coming out of prison after decades behind bars.

The "practitioners" stand guard at some of society's bleakest intersections of poverty, addiction and mental illness, says Lena

Miller, founder of nonprofit Hunters Point Family and its spinoff, Urban Alchemy, which staffs the Pit Stops in San Francisco and Los Angeles. They prevent overdoses, break up fights and greet regulars, she says.

"Really what we're doing is we're creating this space where people know that they can walk into it, and it's going to smell good. It's going to look good," Miller said. "There won't be trash everywhere, and they're safe. And I think that makes all the difference in the world." Nelson Butler was a 19-year-old Los Angeles gangster when he

went to prison for 30 years for killing a person. Butler was released last year from San Quentin State Prison, scared and apprehensive and in need of a job. He went to work at a Pit Stop.

Technically, his job was to prevent drug use in the bathrooms and make sure homeless people didn't set up camp.

"The reality is I'm a security guard. I was a babysitter, I was a social worker, I was a counselor. I did a lot of things that was not necessarily in the scope of my job description, but this is my community," Butler said. "So my thought was, if I saw somebody that needed help, that's why I'm there — to help."

Homelessness has surged throughout California, and cities are struggling to open more bathrooms. Officials are considering adding port-a-potties and special loos designed by the city of Portland, Oregon, and expanding hours of restrooms in government buildings.

Sacramento, which is in a county where a one-night count of the homeless increased 19% in two years, tried a Pit Stop but stopped after a few months because it cost too much.

Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin initially thought the stops too pricey, but he now understands that having someone to watch over the bathrooms has its upsides. Los Angeles saw a 16% increase over a year in its one-night count of homeless, to 36,000.

"I heard from everyone, from people affiliated with law enforcement, from people who live in the neighborhood, from homeless advocates, from people who are homeless themselves, that it's important to have a staff to make sure they stay clean and free of destruction or abuse," he said.

Down the street from Ahmed Al Barak's corner market is Aref Elgaali's Z Zoul, a Sudanese cafe. The public bathroom by his eatery has helped, he says, but it closes too early, and there should be many more of the toilets. □



An attendant exits a "Pit Stop" public toilet on Sixth Street, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019, in San Francisco.

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